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FAR EASTERN MARKETS.

China's Economic Development.

BRITAIN GET READY.

London, Yesterday. The great possibilities of the markets of the East were emphasised by Major John Colville, Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade, in a speech to the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce to-day. He expressed the opinion that China must, before so very long, rid herself of her internal difficulties.

"Nothing can hold back, very much longer, the inevitable force of social and commercial progress in that vast area," said the speaker, and added that he was not forecasting an immediate development of the Chinese market, but, he believed, and his view was fully borne out by members of the recent Economic Mission to the Far East—that we must take a long view and be ready to play our part in the economic development of China when the opportunity arose. If we did not, some foreign competitor would.—Reuter.

TOKOOKA MARU-KIANGSU CASE.

The Case for the Defence.

\$60,000 INVOLVED.

The defence was opened this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C.), sitting in Admiralty Jurisdiction, in the action between the China Navigation Co., and the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, in which claim and counter-claim involving the sum of \$60,000 are made.

The action is the sequel to a collision between the C.N. Co. s.s. Kiangsu and the N.Y.K. s.s. Tokooka Maru on the early morning of March 22, just outside Lyemoo Pass. The plaintiffs' claim is for \$40,000 damages and costs of the action, while the N.Y.K. are cross-claiming for \$40,000.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denny and Bowley), in stating the case for the N.Y.K. said that on March 22, the Tokooka Maru, with a licensed pilot on board, left the Kowloon wharves at 7.10 a.m. It was a misty morning and the ship took various courses in steaming out of the harbour.

At 7.32 her course was N. 75 E., and at 7.43 there was a thick fog to the N.E. of the harbour, about five cables away. The master of the Tokooka Maru and the pilot decided to seek refuge to the north of the channel.

Counsel emphasised that at the time the decision was made the fog was five cables away and there was no incoming ship in sight and no incoming ship was heard. In crossing the fairway, the Tokooka Maru had a distance of 8.2 cables, about 600 yards in all, to cover to reach the anchorage ground. It was not a case of a long journey across a crowded fairway.

At 7.44 a signal was heard and distance way on the starboard bow. Immediately this signal was heard the Tokooka Maru's engines were stopped and she continued to glide toward her anchorage.

At 7.48 there came a whistle from the s.s. Kiangsu and she simultaneously appeared. The engines of the Tokooka Maru were immediately put to full astern, and at 7.50 or 7.51, two or three minutes after the appearance of the Kiangsu, the collision occurred.

Counsel then said that the speed of the Tokooka Maru after the collision was set for the anchorage ground was at 7.43, engine slow, five knots; at 7.44, engine stopped; at 7.48, full astern; and at 7.50, the time of the collision, there was no

FOUNDATIONLESS.

Official Denial of Agreement.

FRANCO-JAPANESE.

Paris, Yesterday. An American newspaper's report to the effect that a Franco-Japanese agreement had been reached, whereby France should be guaranteed by Japan's possession of "A Chinese Province" has been considered sufficiently striking to be officially denied as foundationless.—Reuter.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL.

American Publicity Methods.

HIGHLY INDIGNANT.

(Reuter's Special Service.) New York, Yesterday. American publicity methods are not assisting the convalescence of Mr. Winston Churchill, who awoke this morning, to read in the newspapers that he was scheduled to make a broadcast message to England through a telephone installed by his bedside. Mr. Churchill was indignant at not being consulted, and flatly refused to broadcast, greatly disappointing crowds of reporters and cameramen who were packing the hospital corridors.

Much Better.

Rugby, Yesterday. Mr. Winston Churchill's condition continues to improve. To-day he sat up in bed and smoked a cigar.—British Wireless Service.

way on the Tokooka Maru.

Of course, Counsel said, in a fog no navigator, however competent he might be, could swear that there was no motion on his ship, particularly when taking the tide into consideration, but it could be said that the Tokooka Maru was not making any appreciable headway when the Kiangsu steamed into her.

Here Counsel pointed out that the Kiangsu's speed from 7.45 to the time of the collision was, according to the evidence, certainly 7½ knots over ground, possibly 8 knots or more; and speaking as to distance, he pointed out that the Captain of the Kiangsu said that when first sighted the Tokooka Maru was from 300 to 400 feet away, while the Captain of the Tokooka Maru stated that when he first sighted the Kiangsu she was from 600 to 900 feet away. He suggested that to arrive at the actual distance his Lordship would have to estimate between the two, say 500 to 600 feet.

Proceeding, he said that the force of the collision was so violent that the Tokooka Maru's head which was set to N.E. was turned to a position facing N.W., and the bow of the Tokooka Maru was badly bent to port.

Mr. Sheldon then referred his Lordship to the chart and said that the position was that the Tokooka Maru, having reached her anchorage ground with no way, or negligible way, was run into by the Kiangsu travelling at between 7 and 8 knots per hour in a fog so thick that a ship 500 to 600 feet away could not be seen, and having heard the signal of the Tokooka Maru ahead did not stop her engines at all.

The question was, having regard to the position stated, was the conduct of the Captain of the Tokooka Maru in fact suicidal as suggested by the plaintiffs' Counsel in support of their own claim, an aspersion which was greatly resented.

Counsel then argued on the question of responsibility and quoted authorities.

leave alive.

The funeral takes place to-morrow morning, the cortege leaving the hospital at 10.30 o'clock arriving at the junction of Stubbs Road and Morrison Gap Road an hour later. Full military honours will be accorded.

U.S. AND DEBTS.

HOOVER PLAN AMENDMENT

ADOPTED

POLICY OF CONGRESS.

Washington, Yesterday. The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives has adopted an amendment to the Hoover Moratorium Bill declaring the cancellation or reduction of foreign debts is against the policy of Congress.

The Committee has approved of the Hoover Moratorium Bill as amended.—Reuter.

MAHATMA GANDHI ISSUES DENIAL.

Report of Rome Interview.

ABSOLUTELY FALSE.

Rugby, Yesterday. Mr. Gandhi says he gave no route to India, has, in reply to an inquiry, wireless London to-day denying the statements attributed to him in an interview alleged to have been given in Rome a few days ago to Giornale D'Italia.

Mr. Gandhi says he gave no interview at all to any journalists in Italy and adds:—"Giornale D'Italia's statement is wholly false. I never gave any interview to Pressmen in Rome. The last interview I gave was at Villeneuve, Switzerland, where I asked the people of India not to come to any decision, but to await my statement. I shall take no precipitous action, but shall make ample previous entree to the authorities should direct action become unfortunately necessary. Please give this statement the widest publicity possible."—British Wireless Service.

According to a message from Rome, dated December 15, Mr. Gandhi was reported to have said:—

"India, with her vast masses, can create a new civilisation, but this work of construction is for the future. To-day the whole Indian nation is called to a work of destruction—boycotting," in an interview by the Giornale D'Italia. He continued:—"I return to India to continue the struggle against England, which will be, as heretofore, without violence."

DEATH OF A YOUNG POLICEMAN.

There passed away in the Government Civil Hospital at eleven o'clock this morning, a young member of the local Police Force, in the person of Police Constable Harold Thomas Morse, at the early age of 23 years.

A former member of the Grenadier Guards, and having joined the Police Force here on September 19, 1930. He was stationed at Central Police Station, at the time of his demise. In August this year, Mr. Morse was admitted to the Canossa Hospital suffering from a septic ear. After a month's treatment he was discharged, having, apparently, recovered. On October 14, he was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, which hospital he did not leave alive. (Continued at foot of preceding column.)

ALL FOR LOVE.

Rector's Daughter Sacrifices Fortune.

MISS M. CLEMENTSON.

(Reuter's Special Service.) London, Yesterday.

Miss Marjorie Clementson, the twenty-five-year-old daughter of a Kent rector who, last year, left a fortune of several thousands of £s annually on the condition that she remained single, announced her engagement to-day.

THRILLING AIR JOURNEY.

Terrified Tiger in Plane.

TENSE MOMENTS.

(Reuter's Special Service.) London, Yesterday.

A tiger's first aerial trip led to a sensational struggle in a cross-channel plane to-day. The tiger was en-route to Croydon from Ostend in order to appear at a circus. When the journey started the trainer opened the cage-door in order to quieten the tiger, which was obviously terrified. The tiger jumped out. Subsequently the trainer entered the cage, and man and beast kept each other company, there till the end of the journey.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Operators Waiting for the Settlement.

"FEATURELESS."

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: The market this morning was quite featureless, operators apparently waiting for the pending Settlement to go through.

Sales.
Wharves, \$154.
Ewos, Tls. 15½.
Boys.
Providents (old), -5.15.
Providents (new), \$2.35.
Hong Kong Lands, \$80.
Chinese Estates, \$95.
Trams, \$21.
Cements (combined), \$18¼.
Cements (old), \$12¼.
Entertainments (new), \$16.
Hotels (old), \$14.80.
Rauba, \$40¼ ex Dividend.
Humphreys (old), \$18.10.
Ewos, Tls. 15½.
China Lights, \$27.
Dairy Farms, \$28¾.
H.K. Amusements, \$19.90.
H.K. Govt. Loan, \$2¼% prem.
Sellers.
Ewos, Tls. \$15.90.
S.C. Enterprises, \$10.
China Lights, \$27¼.

REUTER'S EMPLOYEE'S TRAGIC DEATH.

Mr. Ng Kim-cheung, aged 17 years, of Reuters, Limited (Financial and Commercial Services), met with death under tragic circumstances, yesterday. It appears he accidentally fell from a passageway of the building into the street, and fractured his skull.

He was removed immediately to the Government Civil Hospital, where he died shortly after admission.

You are busy. Yet you want to be informed of the news of the day. Then, turn to the back page and glean the news. It's there conveniently summarised for you.

THE WHEAT QUOTA.

Amount Not Yet Fixed.

MR. THOMAS'S STATEMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Government's proposal for a quota on wheat was discussed in Whitehall to-day when the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Thomas, and the Minister of Agriculture, Sir John Gilmour, received a deputation from the Liverpool Corn Trade Association.

A communique since issued states, that, in reply to a question regarding the reported statement by the Canadian Premier as to the proposed amount of Empire quota, Mr. Thomas said there had been no decision as to the amount of Empire quota by the Cabinet. Indeed, Mr. Bennett had himself made it clear that the percentages he had mentioned were purely his own estimates.

A general discussion ensued, particularly as to the difficulties in connection with Liverpool future markets, and the deputation handed in a letter and memorandum on the subject.

During the discussion Mr. Thomas said that he wished to make it clear that, subject to the outcome of the proceedings at the Ottawa Conference, the intention of Government was that there should be a quota. Subject to that, he suggested the Association should appoint representatives to help Government in hammering out the details of the scheme. To this the deputation agreed.—British Wireless Service.

HARBOUR OFFICE SHROFF'S FOLLY.

Received Money Not Entered in Books.

A CAUTION.

Lo Kai-to, a shroff employed at the Harbour Office, appeared before Mr. Williams in the Central Police Court this morning, charged with the embezzlement of \$169, the property of the Hong Kong Government.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, for the defence, said he would give the Police side of the case, which was to the effect that defendant was a shroff in personal security of \$2,000. On Wednesday morning he received \$159 in payment of a bill and apparently did not enter this sum into the books even up to four o'clock that afternoon. Mr. Loseby did not think there would be any dispute as to the facts, but the question would be whether there was an intention on defendant's part to commit the offence, on which his Worship could convict. Defendant, he said, would be dealt with departmentally in any case, and would probably lose his job. The Government had suffered no loss. The attitude adopted by the Crown was that they would be satisfied with a caution.

For the prosecution, Detective Sergeant D. Fitches said defendant received the money for what he called Light Dues from the Captain of the s.s. Ho Hong. It was defendant's duty to immediately make out a receipt and submit it to the Chief Accountant, Mr. T. Parkinson. The bill was apparently suppressed by defendant. Mr. Parkinson knew that the s.s. Ho Hong had cleared that day, and on making enquiries at the Clearance Office learned that the bill had been paid. The Harbour Master (Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole) sent for the Police, and on defendant being questioned, he stated that he had received the bill but the money was lost, and he was afraid to report the matter to Comdr. Hole. Defendant, who had the

BRITAIN'S THIRD ANTI-DUMPING ORDER

50 PER CENT. AD VALOREM DUTY FROM SATURDAY

SIXTEEN CLASSES OF ARTICLES

STRIKING FIGURES WHICH REVEAL NECESSITY FOR MEASURE.

London, Yesterday.

A third anti-dumping order issued to-day imposes, from December 19, a duty of fifty per cent. on a large variety of manufactured articles, mainly luxuries, including hosiery, stockings, cotton tissues, household cotton goods, and handkerchiefs.

The new dumping order includes illuminated glass ware, cameras, photographic material (not cinematograph films), wireless valves, electric lamps and fittings, ropes, cordage, garments (not underwear), rubber-proofed tissues, sporting rifles, cartridges, and lawn mowers.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The third list of new duties under the Abnormal Importations Act was to-night issued by the Board of Trade for publication to-morrow. The Order imposes a fifty per cent. duty ad valorem as from Saturday next upon sixteen classes of articles, including the following:—

Illuminating glassware used for artificial light. Cameras, photographic plates and films, other than cinematograph films. Wireless valves and parts thereof. Electric filament lamps and fittings. Grass mowers. Manufactures, wholly or partly, of cotton of the following descriptions—tissues in piece, flags, handkerchiefs, shawls, and household cotton goods, including table and bed linen, and towels. Cordage ropes and twine under one-quarter inch diameter, except such as is used in packing other goods. Complete, or incomplete, garments, other than underwear, and hosiery, complete or incomplete, other than underwear, but including stockings and hose for men, women, and children, and shaped material for making into such garments or hosiery. Citric acid, tartaric acid, and cream of tartar. Aluminium, sulphate, ammonia, alum, soda alum, and potash alum. Ammonium chloride. Lithopone. Rubber-proofed tissues in piece. Loaded and empty cartridge cases for sporting firearms.

STRIKING FIGURES OF RECENT IMPORTS.

The largest category of imports affected is that relating to complete and incomplete garments. The average value of items included therein imported monthly last year was £815,000. During the last two months this figure has increased to \$924,000 in October and to £1,023,000 in November. Almost as large is the cotton manufacture category, goods in which were last year imported to a monthly value of £684,000. In both October and November the last figure increased to \$912,000, when the month's quantity of cotton goods jumped from under 7,000,000 square yards per month last year to nearly 10,000,000.

The value of imports last month of other categories, included in the order, was photographic films £88,000, electric lamps £97,000, electric light fittings £95,000, cordage etcetra £61,000, citric acid £65,000 and lithopone £62,000.—British Wireless Service.

money on his person, never left the premises.

The man had been sick, and Sergeant Fitches did not think he had any intention of stealing it. He added that the Crown would be satisfied with a caution, and he thought Commander Hole would be too. It was defendant's folly and he had been given a lesson. His Worship cautioned the defendant.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Mr. Lloyd George, accompanied by his family, left Colombo for England to-day aboard the s.s. Rajputana. He has greatly benefited from his tour.—British Wireless Service.

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BRITAIN WILL WIN THROUGH.

Viscount Rothermere's Forecast.

Viscount Rothermere, in response to a personal request from Mr. William Randolph Hearst, the well-known American newspaper proprietor, sent a valuable contribution which was published in all the 27 newspapers belonging to the Hearst Group in the United States and also by all the newspapers receiving the service of the Hearst news agency. The article has thus been placed before three-quarters of the reading public of the United States. Viscount Rothermere said:—

"Prices will rise and life will be harder for the British nation than it has been lately, but those who imagine that this will lead to grave Labour troubles are wrong. British Labour is more patriotic and level-headed than its leaders. The nation will carry on cheerfully till better times return. 'I believe those times will not be long delayed. The British Empire has immense resources. A tariff on imports, combined with Imperial Preference, will enable us to develop them. 'We shall not necessarily even lose our international banking business by going off the gold standard. What will most likely happen is that other European countries will follow our example in abandoning gold, and will stabilise their currencies on the basis of sterling. London will continue to be their financial clearing-house because the machinery of those operations is there. The Gold Stocks.

"If a widespread abandonment of the gold standard takes place the huge stores of gold which the artificial conditions of post-war finance have concentrated in the United States and France will lose much of their value. International conference and action are the only remedies I see for this. 'There is no reason why the recovery of Britain should not be as rapid and complete as the recovery of France, which five years ago was in a worse plight than we are now. It certainly will if we have leadership equal in skill and energy to M. Poincaré. The Argentine which gave up the gold standard only twelve months ago, has already turned her adverse trade balance into a credit one. 'With a solvent Budget, a substantial set of tariffs, and the vigour which the British nation always manages to show in times of crisis, we shall come safely and swiftly through this bad patch in our financial history. The credit and strength of Britain are built on more substantial foundations than gold bars in a bank vault."

TEESIDE IMPORTS & EXPORTS OF IRON & STEEL.

Imports of iron and steel from overseas and coastwise to the Tees for the twelve months ending October 31, totalled 171,740 tons as compared with 158,190 tons for the same months a year ago, and only 54,564 tons in the corresponding period just prior to the war. Unloadings for the period just ended were composed of 25,660 tons of pig iron, 125,973 tons of crude sheet bars, billets, blooms and slabs; and 20,707 tons of plates, bars, angles, rails, sheets, and joists. Arrivals for the same months a year ago comprised 17,262 tons of pig iron, and 106,176 tons of crude sheet bars, etc., and 34,752 tons of plates, bars, angles, etc.; and imports for the twelve months just prior to the war were composed of 1,427 tons of pig iron, 33,655 tons of crude sheet bars, etc., and 19,482 tons of plates, bars, angles, etc. Shipments of iron and steel from the Tees last month totalled 45,447 tons as compared with 38,821 tons in September. Pig iron cleared in October amounted to 15,901 tons. The largest buyers of pig iron were Scotland, 5,549 tons; Denmark, 2,459 tons; and Germany, 1,630 tons. The Union of South Africa was the chief customer for manufactured iron with an import of 887 tons. The Union of South Africa, 6,127 tons; Portuguese East Africa, 2,507 tons; Southern Rhodesia, 1,940 tons; Canada, 1,424 tons; Lithuania, 1,312 tons; Argentina, 1,282 tons; and India, 1,030 tons.—Engineering.

SHEFFIELD STEEL INDUSTRY.

Increased confidence and more inquiries for a considerable variety of products are newly outstanding features of the local steel and engineering trades. While there is no instance of idle works reopening, it is not exceptional to find that production is covering an extended basis. A significant development is that, during the past week, over 1,000 idle operatives have been reabsorbed in the various branches. Manufacture of open-hearth steel is still much below normal capacity, though a forward movement is shown in the starting up of additional furnaces at the largest works. Prices are largely in a state of flux. Both in hemattites and in foundry iron conditions show greater activity, while there is a better demand for iron and scrap at prices representing advances of 4s. to 5s. on quotations ruling several weeks ago. Actual sales of scrap are, however, restricted, as distributors appear to be of the opinion that values will further appreciate in the near future. One of the most encouraging signs is the revived demand for fire-bricks and other refractory materials used in steel making. Foreign supplies have risen so sharply in price that they are no longer competitive to anything like their former extent. Belgian refractories are being ousted by those of Sheffield origin. So substantially have orders expanded that several refractory-making branches are working day and night. There is a freer flow of contracts in various kinds of tools, steel for the constructional trades, and agricultural requisites. Work is proceeding on orders placed before the General Election for discharge only in the event of the return of a National Government. Sheffield manufacturers have appointed an

Imports Committee, embodying many of the leading figures in the local steel and engineering trades to give detailed consideration to the incidence of a tariff as affecting local trades. It is felt that special regard will have to be given to alloys and raw materials imported from abroad which may be necessary for local productive purposes.—Engineering.

BANK PAYS IN FULL.

After 20 Years.

When the Bank of Tampa closed its doors in 1911, many of its depositors feared that they had lost their money. Now, 20 years after, Mr. J. A. Griffin, who was appointed receiver, announces in his final report that all depositors have been repaid in full, with 8 per cent added as interest. After all claims had been met in full there was still a balance of 3,095 dollars (\$619 at par). This was paid over to the Florida State Treasury.

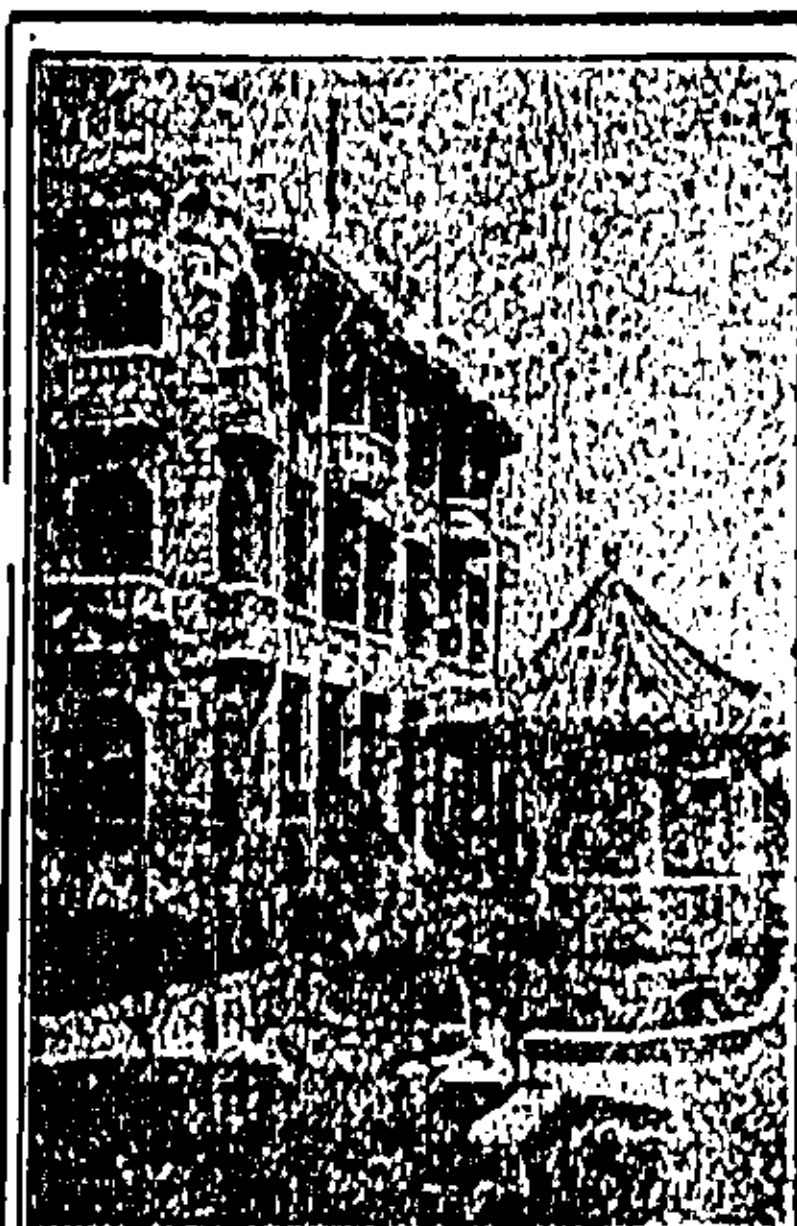
HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

Dec. 1, June, June,			1931. 1918. 1914.		
Cts. Cts. Cts.					
Butcher Meat.					
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥	lb.	83	24	12
" Prime Cut	牛尾瘦	lb.	80	28	11
" Corned	咸牛肉	lb.	—	23	12
" Roast	牛腩	lb.	83	24	22
" Breast	牛腩	lb.	80	20	18
" Soup	牛腩	lb.	27	20	18
" Steak	牛腩	lb.	83	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛腩	lb.	46	30	35
" Sausages	牛腩	lb.	86	26	20
Bull's Brains	牛頭腦	per set	17	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	牛舌	each	75	50	60
" Tongue, corned	牛舌	each	—	60	—
" Head	牛頭	lb.	\$1.20	—	\$1.20
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14
" Hump, Salt	牛腩	lb.	—	20	18
" Feet	牛腳	each	12	10	12
" Kidneys	牛腎	lb.	15	10	12
" Tail	牛尾	lb.	27	20	22
" Liver	牛肝	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛肚	lb.	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭及腳	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊腩	lb.	44	26	—
" Leg	羊腩	lb.	44	26	—
" Shoulder	羊腩	lb.	40	24	—
" Saddle	羊腩	lb.	44	—	—
Pig's Chilliings	豬腩	Per set	80	27	—
" Brains	豬腦	lb.	18	15	—
" Feet	豬腳	each	30	15	18
" Fry	豬油	each	20	20	—
" Head	豬頭	each	18	10	10
" Heart	豬心	lb.	15	10	8
" Kidneys	豬腎	lb.	48	30	24
" Liver	豬肝	lb.	40	25	23
Pork Chop	豬腩	lb.	42	—	—
" Leg	豬腩	lb.	45	60	70
" Loin	豬腰	lb.	26	21	—
" Fat or Lard	豬油	lb.	80	60	70
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭及腳	each	12	8	7
" Heart	羊心	lb.	15	12	10
" Kidneys	羊腎	lb.	45	26	25
" Liver	羊肝	lb.	25	25	22
Sucking Pigs, to order	牛乳豬	lb.	80	20	19
Suet, Beef	牛牛油	lb.	36	26	26
" Mutton	羊牛油	lb.	22	20	20
Ven	牛牛油	lb.	32	—	—
" Sausages	牛牛油	lb.	32	—	—
No. 1					
Fish.					
Barbel	魚	lb.	48	16	24
Bream	魚	lb.	34	20	16
Canton Fresh Water	魚	lb.	34	—	—
Carp	魚	lb.	36	18	16
Catfish	魚	lb.	36	16	27
Codfish	魚	lb.	38	12	9
Codfish	魚	lb.	54	10	17
Crabs	魚	lb.	24	23	26
Cuttl's Fish	魚	lb.	26	18	27
Dab	魚	lb.	48	23	16
Dace	魚	lb.	20	10	—
Dog Fish	魚	lb.	60	10	8
Eels, Conger	魚	lb.	60	16	—
" Fresh Water	魚	lb.	54	10	8
" Yellow	魚	lb.	78	20	20
Frogs	魚	lb.	85	32	25
Garoupa	魚	lb.	24	40	30
Gudgeon	魚	lb.	32	22	18
Herrings	魚	lb.	38	13	23
Hallbut	魚	lb.	26	18	15
Labrus	魚	lb.	72	22	13
Leach	魚	lb.	72	62	24
Lobsters	魚	lb.	40	32	21
Macarel	魚	lb.	45	20	20
Monk Fish	魚	lb.	38	13	2
Mullet	魚	lb.	40	12	2
Oysters	魚	lb.	26	14	9
Parrot Fish	魚	lb.	26	30	15
Perch	魚	lb.	44	16	9
Pike	魚	lb.	50	30	20
Plaice	魚	lb.	56	38	30
Pomfret, White	魚	lb.	40	36	45
Pomfret, Black	魚	lb.	64	10	14
Prawns	魚	lb.	25	10	14
Ray	魚	lb.	25	13	13
Rock Fish	魚	lb.	30	22	10
Roach	魚	lb.	50	86	30
Salmon	魚	lb.	26	8	10
Shark	魚	lb.	20	10	10
Skate	魚	lb.	50	33	30
Shrimps	魚	lb.	48	23	23
Snapper	魚	lb.	38	22	23
Soles	魚	lb.	38	26	85
Tench	魚	lb.	38	12	12
Turbot	魚	lb.	146	12	12
Turtles, small fr. water	魚	lb.	146	12	12

Dec. 1, June, June,			1931. 1918. 1914.		
Cts. Cts. Cts.					
Poultry.					
Chicken	雞	lb.	60	30	31
Capons, Small	雞	lb.	58	28	30
Capons, Large	雞	lb.	64	28	30
Duck	鴨	each	48	22	21
Doves	鴿	each	80	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	38	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	each	40	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	72	30	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	lb.	54	85	24
Geese	鵝	each	48	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	40	80	—
" Hothow	口鴿	each	30	23	—
Turkeys, Cook	火雞	lb.	84	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	lb.	75	61	45
Snipe	沙山鴉	each	30	—	—
Phasian	沙山鴉	pair	2.80	—	—
Quail	沙山鴉	each	28	—	—
Partridges	沙山鴉	each	1.10	—	—

Dec. 1, June, June,			1931. 1918. 1914.		
Cts. Cts. Cts.					
Fruits.					
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	1.20	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	each	26	28	—
Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	each	8	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	each	12	—	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12	25	30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	16	8	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	each	16	—	—
Oranges	橙	each	12	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	each	36	—	—
Peanuts	花生	lb.	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	each	12	—	—
Plantain	大蕉	each	5	8	—
Pumpkin	大南瓜	each	20	12	6
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	30	—	18
Grapes	葡萄	each	70	—	—

Dec. 1, June, June,			1931. 1918. 1914.		
Cts. Cts. Cts.					
Vegetables, &c.					
Artichokes	竹筴	each	12	—	2
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	6	—	7
" Long	豆苗	lb.	—	—	8
Beet Root	紅苜蓿	each	14	—	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	each	8	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	each	8	5	8
" Red	紅瓜	each	8	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	芥蘭	each	10	—	—
" (Shanghai)	上海菜	each	15	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	竹筴	each	4	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	40	—	—
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	each	35	—	—
" (Small)	小花椰菜	each	25	6	6
Carrots	金菜	lb.	10	5	6
Celery, Chinese	奧萊	each	16	10	6
Chillies, Dried	紅辣椒	each	18	25	5
" Red	紅辣椒	each	14	10	10
" Green	青辣椒	each	8	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	菜料	each	10	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	each	10	2	—
Gadil	菜料	each	8	6	6
Ginger, Young	子姜	each	10	7	—
" Old	老姜	each	8	20	—
Horseradish, Shanghai	菜料	each	60	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	each	—	45	—
Lettuces	生菜	each	8	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	each	12	—	8
" Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	each	14	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮蘑菇	each	—	—	—
Okros	菜料	each	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	each	10	8	8
" Green	綠蔥	each	6	4	6
" Shanghai	上海蔥	each	8	6	—
Parley	芥菜	each	30	60	8
Potato, Sweet	甘薯	each	5	8	—
" Japanese	日本薯	each	—	8	—
" American	金山薯	each	12	8	—
Pumpkin	大南瓜	each	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔	each	—	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大紅菜	each	—	—	10
Shallots	蒜苗	each	8	—	8
Spinach	大芥菜	each	8	8	—
Tomatoes	大番茄	each	12	4	—
Taro	芋頭	each	6	7	—
Turnips, Punt (Long)	長蘿蔔	each	6	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	西蘭花	each	10	4	—
Water Cress	水蔞	each	15	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	each	6	15	—



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What Mail Reviewers Say.

"TIGER ROSE."

A simple story of the love of a French-Canadian girl for an engineer, an attempt to frustrate that love, an accidental shooting affair, and a man-hunt. These are the ingredients which go to make up an entertaining picture. And the story is played in scenes—Canadian scenes—that are pretty indeed.

Two comedies and a Looney Tune cartoon add to the attractiveness of the programme at the Queen's Theatre.

From Official Sources.

"DADDY LONG LEGS"

With a simple profoundly human story that million have laughed and wept over, "Daddy Long Legs" provides notable entertainment for screen patrons to-day at the King's Theatre.

Marking the first time that charming Janet Gaynor and the polished Warner Baxter have been co-starred, this Fox Films' production of Jean Webster's well loved play is confidently expected to set new attendance records at the big picture house during its run. Both the leading players are ideally suited, to their roles, and an excellent supporting cast, headed by Una Merkel, John Arledge, Claude Gillingwater, sen., and Kathryn Williams, and splendid direction combine to make "Daddy Long Legs" one of the real cinematic treats of the year.

"AFRICA SPEAKS."

Those who saw "Africa Speaks" at the Central Theatre will never forget the dramatic emotional conflict of the picture, or the breath-taking beauty of the Congo backgrounds. Added to these are the startling effects of the sounds of the jungle, caught by the sound film for the first time and transmitted exactly to the screen.

The dancing of the native women of the French Congo is another dynamic feature of this Columbia picture. Like their white compatriots of the Parisian pleasure palaces, there is little these savage girls do not know about the rhythmic movements of the human body. One almost feels the intolerable oppressive atmosphere of the African night, the tom-toms beating out their age-old throbbing themes—and the black bodies twisting in the frenzied ritual of the ceremony.

"THE GHOST TRAIN."

West Country journalists were in a position to afford their readers interesting and amusing reading while the Gainsborough Company were at Camerton, Somerset, filming scenes for "The Ghost Train" coming on Sunday to the Queen's. The assistant director amused one of the descriptive writers.

"Gather round the assistant director," he writes. "He is on the platform, in front of a big board, which used to announce the fact that the station was Camerton, but which now bears in large letters 'Fal Vale, Junction for Truro.' Plus fours, a rowing scarf, and a grin are the three most easily apparent features about him as he talks to a group of young men—a mixed bag of them—who have been engaged as superns.

"Now, boys," says the man with the grin, "I want you to be here sharp on time. Wear old clothes, some with collars and ties, some

RADIO TO-DAYS PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7.05-10.45 p.m.—European Programme of Victor & H.M.V. Records.

7.05-7.30 p.m.—
Bethoven's Quartet in F Major—Op. 135.
Played by the Flonzaley Quartet (DA847-850).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
7.30-8.30 p.m.—A Selection of Victor Herbert's Music played by the Victor Salon Orchestra and Group directed by Nathaniel Shilkret (C-1).

All Sweet Mystery of Life—Selections from "Naughty Marietta".
Kiss Me Again—Selections from "The Fortune Teller".
Bridging—Air de Ballet & Al Fresco.
March of the Toys—Selections from "Babes in Toyland".
Selections from "Sweethearts".
Selections from "The Red Mill".
8.30-10.30 p.m.—Dance Programme (Unannounced).

For Trot—
1 Apologize,
A Little Less of Moonlight.

Let's Drift Away on Dreamer's Bay.

Now That I Need You,
You're Gone..... (22305)
The Mystery Song,
Moonin'..... (22300)

Waltz—
Kiss Me Goodnight, Not Goodbye,
Fox Trot—
The Cute Little Thing You Do.

I Can't Get Mississippi off My Mind.
With You on My Mind I Find I Can't Write the Words..... (22795)
Alone in a Corner,
My Success..... (22787)
It's a Long Time Between Kisses,
Love Letters in the Sand..... (22799)

Waltz—
When the Moon Comes Over the Mountain,
Fox Trot—
Without the Girl..... (22740)
Limbohouse Blues,
Rhythms of the Jungle..... (22743)
After To-night,
One Night Alone With You..... (22744)
Buffalo Rhythm,
On the Beach with You..... (22740)
The First Girl I Met,

Waltz—
When the Clock is Striking Twelve..... (22754)
Fox Trot—
I Must Have It,
You're Just My Type..... (V38124)
Punchdrum,
Fussy Mabel..... (V38125)
I've Thirty Saturday Night,
I'm Feelin' Devilish..... (V38131)
I'll Make Fun for You,

Waltz—
Then Someone's in Love..... (V38142)
Fox Trot—
Smile, Darn Ya, Smile,
I'm Crazy 'Bout My Baby..... (22662)
Come to Me,
As Long as You're There..... (22755)

Waltz—
Tales from the Vienna Woods,
Blue Danube..... (D1218)
All Records in the above European Programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

11.30-10.48 p.m.—
Variations Symphoniques (Cesar Franck),
Played by Alfred Cortot & the London Symphony Orchestra Conducted by Sir London Ronald (3734-35).

11 p.m.-12 midnight (approx.)—
Reley of the 2nd Act of "Miss Hook of Holland" from the Theatre Royal by courtesy of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society.

12 midnight (approx.)—Close Down.

without 'em—chokers, if you like. "And bring some grub, for you'll most likely be here till three in the morning. Wrap up warm. And you see that little room next to the booking office? Well, there will be a barrel of beer in there to keep you cheerful while you're waiting!"

"The grin became infectious."

OLDEST V.C.'S ARE FROM ZULU WAR.

Deeds That Still Thrill After 52 Years.

RORKE'S DRIFT.

There are now living some 450 holders of the V.C., although the death of Sir Reginald Hart, one of the oldest winners of the award "For Valour," reduces to 27 the number of surviving V.C.s who were decorated before the South African War which was in progress at the opening of the century.

Sir Reginald was given the bronze cross for a gallant deed during the Afghan campaign in 1879. Three other men who won the distinction in that year are still alive.

Lieut.-Colonel James Henry Reynolds, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and Private John Williams, of the South Wales Borderers, both received the V.C. for heroism against the Zulus at Rorke's Drift.

Besieged Hospital.
Colonel Reynolds gave constant attention to the wounded under fire and carried ammunition from the store to the defenders of the hospital, where Williams was one of a little band who held out as long as there was a round of ammunition left.

Then the Zulus burst open the door and dragged out another South Wales Borderer (who also received the V.C.) and two patients.

Williams and two other patients were the only men left alive in the ward. Williams knocked a hole in the partition and took the two patients into the next ward, where he found another private of his regiment.

Rescued Patients.
They held the enemy at bay, one working while the other fought, broke through three more partitions, and brought eight patients through a small window into the inner line of defence.

Colonel Reynolds, and Williams now share the title of "Father" of the V.C.s, beating by a few months Private Francis Fitzpatrick, of the Connaught Rangers, who won the Cross later in 1879 with a comrade for rescuing an officer badly wounded by the Zulus.

There are three V.C. survivors of the fighting in South Africa in 1881, and three of the Sudan campaign in the 'nineties, among the Sudan veterans being Sir Percival Scrope Marling, of the King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Among the other V.C.s of the last years of the nineteenth century are the Earl of Dunmore, who

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dance at King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels.

To-day—Hong Kong Automobile Association Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

To-morrow—Tea Dance at King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-morrow—Dance at Engineers Institution.

January 6—St. George's Society's Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

To-day—"Miss Hook of Holland," Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Daddy Long Legs."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Tiger Rose."

To-day—Central Theatre; "Africa Speaks."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Men Without Women."

To-day—Star Theatre; "On Your Back."

Sunday—Christmas Concert, Hong Kong University Christian Association, Great Hall, University.

Home Mails
To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Russia), 5 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Karmala); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Corfu), 10.30 a.m.; for Europe via Siberia (Karmala), 5 p.m.

Weak producers, like the Stewart monarch, who apologised to the watchers round his death-bed, take an "unconscionable time in dying."

Sir George Maxwell (Chairman, Sengat Rubber Estate).

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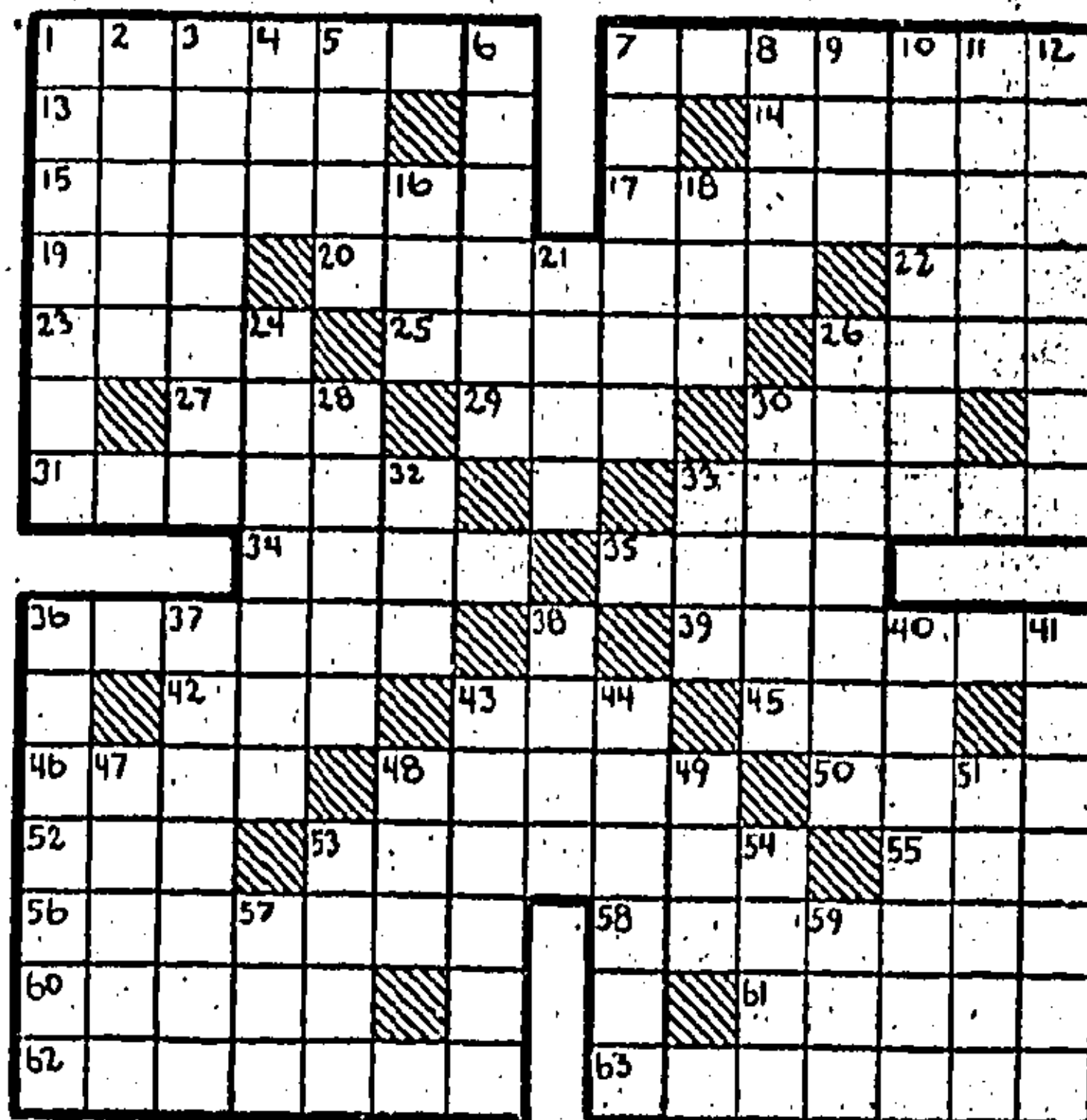
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1-Anticipates
7-Old World game bird
13-A department in N. E. France
14-Peeler
15-Attires
17-Device used in weaving
19-Saw
20-Left behind
22-Spanish article used in American geographical names
23-Abraze
25-Put off
26-Turkish governors
27-Corrode
29-Floor covering
30-Alternative
31-Large waste area
32-Affected by war games
34-Turbulent outbreak
35-Parlan fairy
36-Full of conversation
39-Make dear
42-Perceive
43-Unit of weight | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
45-Character of being male or female
46-Military table
48-Corroborate
50-Skin incrustation
52-Town in S. W. France
53-More abounding in foliage
55-Feminine suffix
56-Pertaining to Italy
58-Knitted garment
60-A drink
61-Representative
62-Cold winter wind of Malta
63-Expels
VERTICAL
1-Came forth
2-City in Ohio
3-Assumes a color of mingled red and blue
4-Combining form "With"
5-Philippine island
6-Orderly plan
7-Container
8-Twirls | VERTICAL (Cont.)
9-Make face
10-Ingenious
11-Fresh set of horses
12-Finish
16-Pronoun
21-Distant
24-Father of Ulysses
26-In addition
28-Commonplace
30-Tales
32-Plaything
33-Turn to right
39-Living outdoors
47-Boothe
48-House covering
49-One who splices
51-British field-marshal in World War
53-Hypnotic condition
54-Cried aloud noisily
57-Consumer
58-Liquor
59-Small number
61-About
63-The Mona... was painted by da Vinci
64-Clean
67-Carry
69-In the past |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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DRAWN MATCH.

On the H.K.C.C. ground yesterday the annual cricket encounter between Oxford and Cambridge was left drawn.

Battling first—Cambridge lost Squance with only eleven runs on the board but a determined stand by Skyrme and Shaw added 67 runs for the second wicket before the former was caught off Rido. Two wickets fell rapidly for the addition of only four runs before Shaw and Barrow became associated in the biggest partnership of the day. The pair added 109 for the fifth wicket before Barrow fell to Hawkins, his share being 31. Shaw and Booth scored 58 runs in an unbroken seventh wicket partnership.

During his innings of 161 not out Shaw gave a brilliant exhibition of free hitting and in an hour and a half he hit five sixes and twenty-one boundaries.

Sayer and Griffiths gave Oxford a good start against the formidable total of 254 against them, the pair adding 74 for the first wicket before Sayer was taken off Wallington. Eighteen runs later Wallington again met with success. Griffiths being snapped up behind the wicket for 45 scored out of 92. Rido and Wood, however, stopped the rot in a dogged partnership which realised 66 runs for the third wicket. At the close of play Wood was still undefeated with 56 to his credit and Oxford required 59 runs for victory with seven wickets in hand.

Scores:—

	Oxford.	Cambridge.
F. H. E. Skyrme, c Hawkins, b Rido	28	3
H. S. Squance, b Hawkins	3	2
R. J. Shaw, not out	161	0
D. McClellan, b Sayer	0	0
J. P. Whitham, c Griffiths, b Rido	1	1
J. Barrow, c Bird, b Hawkins	31	3
H. G. Wallington, c Koop, b Sayer	4	4
F. Booth, not out	20	6
Extras (B5, NB1)	6	0

Total (for 6 wks., dec.) 254
R. E. Lindsell, F. M. Mason and E. W. Hamilton did not bat.
Fall of wickets:—1 for 11, 2 for 78, 3 for 82, 4 for 82, 5 for 191, 6 for 196.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	0	0	37	0
Hawkins	7	0	50	2
Sayer	11	0	82	2
Rido	6	0	31	2
Griffiths	3	0	26	0
Hinsworth	4	0	22	0

Oxford.
G. R. Sayer, c Skyrme, b Wallington 32
R. H. Griffiths, c Shaw, b Wallington 45
L. T. Rido, c Booth, b Barrow 39
A. E. Wood, not out 56
B. C. K. Hawkins, not out 16
Extras (B3, LB1, WB1) 8

Total (for 3 wks.) 196
E. Hinsworth, A. C. Braine, Hartnell, L. B. Holmes, H. V. Koop, B. E. O. Bird, and N. L. Smith did not bat.
Fall of wickets:—1 for 74, 2 for 92, 3 for 158.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McClellan	10	0	41	0
Mason	12	0	50	0
Hamilton	9	0	28	0
Wallington	5	1	27	2
Shaw	6	0	25	0
Barrow	3	0	17	1

H.K. POLICE INDIANS
DEFEATED.

Basketball Success for
Mun Sang College.

In a game of basket ball played on the Central Police Station compound yesterday afternoon, the Mun Sang College defeated the Indian Police by 25 points to 12. Mr. R. J. Hunt was referee.

FULHAM IN THIRD
ROUND.

Defeat Yeovil by Big
Margin.

ON FOREIGN SOIL.

In the second round replay in the F.A. Cup competition between Yeovil and Fulham the London team triumphed by five goals to two.

—Reuter.

VOLUNTEERS TEAM
FOR SUNDAY.

Indian R.C. Will Be
Extended.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Volunteers in their cricket match against the Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo on Sunday at 2 p.m.

A. C. Beck, S. V. Gittins, N. A. E. Mackay, R. H. Griffiths, F. S. W. Smith, G. E. R. Divett, A. H. Harbord, D. McLellan, W. H. Gaster, L. A. Whipples, and L. D. Kilbee.

MAMAK HOCKEY
TOURNEY.

Incognitos Team.

The following will represent the Incognitos against the Police in the Mamak hockey competition on Sunday, at 11 a.m. on the R.A. ground:—

H. Barros, F. M. Silva, R. Silva-Netto, F. Barros, W. Reed, N. Beltrao, C. Barros, F. Remedios, E. V. Reed, R. Reed and J. A. de V. Soares
Reserve: A. Rodrigues.

M. G. TROOP FIFTEEN
FOR MONDAY.

Strong Side Fielded
Against Kowloon.

The following will represent the Machine Gun Troop, H.K.V.D.C. against Kowloon R.F.C. on Monday on the Club ground, Happy Valley at 5 p.m.
Cpl. Ferguson; Sgt. Grievs, Tpr. Bovill, Tpr. Wade, Tpr. Lammert (Captain); Tpr. Jenkins, Tpr. Robertson; Tpr. McClellan, Tpr. West, Tpr. Hartley, Tpr. Wale, Tpr. Cleland, Tpr. Hishop, Tpr. Beaumont, nda Tpr. Nigel.
Reserves: Tpr. Evans, Tpr. Cochrane and Tpr. Field.
Referee Eng. Comm'r. Wilson R.N.

KOWLOON FOOTBALL
CLUB TEAMS.

Recreio and Battery.

The following will represent the Kowloon F.C. against the Club de Recreio on the Club de Recreio ground to-morrow at 4 p.m.:—
Gurevitch; London, Martin; Hedley, McKelvie, Bliss; Gillet, Eryant, Timberlake, Duncan, and Bickford.
Reserve: Dominy.

The Kowloon F.C. second eleven against the 12th Battery on the Kowloon ground at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow will be represented by:—
Cameron; Wells, L. Williams; Whitfield, Chaplin, Blake; Nicholls; Dominy, Simpson, Cotton, and Eastman.
Reserve: White.

KOWLOON RUGBY
TO-MORROW.

Against H.M.S. Hermes

The following will represent the Kowloon Rugby Club against H.M.S. Hermes at King's Park to-morrow at 4.15 p.m.:—
A. Easterbrook; Lt. Keith Murray; T. S. D. Whitley, D. F. Kilby; J. J. Ferguson; D. Black;

HOCKEY WIN FOR THE
Y.M.C.A. SECONDS.

Royal Corps of Signals
Defeated.

NARROW MARGIN.

At King's Park yesterday the Y.M.C.A. second eleven defeated the Royal Corps of Signals by a goal to nil in a friendly hockey encounter.

A very fast game was the feature of the opening exchanges and over-keenness was largely responsible for a blank score sheet at half time. The military centre-forward had hard luck both in the first half and in the latter stages of the game. W. J. Brown scored the winning goal half way through the second half after a good forward movement.

Outstanding players for the Y.M.C.A. were Mitchell, Stoker and Brown, whilst the Signals' centre forward was always in the limelight.

Y.M.C.A. II 1
R.C. of Signals 0
Y.M.C.A.—F. Allen; W. Stoker, L. W. Tipple; G. Mitchell, R. A. Bates, S. A. Sweet; L. W. Macey, W. J. Brown, W. H. Smith, F. Parker, and A. Andrews.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.
ELEVENS.

Against H.K.C.C.

The following have been selected to represent the Civil Service C.C. in their League matches against the Hong Kong C.C. To-morrow.
1st team at C.S.C.C. ground:—B. D. Evans (Capt.); J. E. Richardson, G. R. Sayer, F. J. de Rome, E. B. Reed, F. J. Ling, F. Baker, R. M. Wood, J. Barrow, J. F. McGowan, and E. W. Hamilton.
2nd team at H.K.C.C. ground:—H. E. Strange (Capt.), B. C. K. Hawkins, A. E. Wood, W. H. Edmonds, A. W. Grimmett, S. Randle, R. H. Woodman, R. G. Robertson, and J. M. Wilson.

LEAGUE CRICKET ON
WEDNESDAY.

R.A.S.C. Eleven.

The following have been selected to represent the R.A.S.C. in a League match to be played against the Royal Engineers and Royal Signals at Sookunpoo on Wednesday.

W. O. I. (Edn) Pamplin (Capt.), S/Sergt. Skipp, Sgt. Hurst, L/Cpl. Spain, L/Cpl. Cadman, L/Cpl. Reynolds, Pte. Funnell, Pte. Evers-Buckland, Dir. Gray, Dir. Whitley, Dir. Castelow.
Reserves, Cpl. Wedge, Pte. Beresford.
Scorer, Sgt. King.

Boxing Day Match.
The game eleven have been selected to represent the R.A.S.C. in a League match against the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd. eleven to be played at Sookunpoo on Boxing Day.

CLUB ELEVENS FOR
TO-MORROW.

Against Military Powers.

The following has been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Club against the Argylls at Sookunpoo to-morrow at 4 p.m.:—
Rodger; S. Strange, MacFarlane; Raiton, Skinner, Baldwin; Alexander, Segalen, Howe, Bell, and E. Strange.

The following will represent the Club 2nd eleven in their match against the S.W. Borderers at Sookunpoo to-morrow, kick off at 2.30 p.m.:—
Fogwill; Raiton, Sloan; Hooper, Panchon, Tavlin; Bradbury, Fowler, Reid, Duncan, and Farrow.
Reserves: Potouloff and Krilovsky.

D. J. S. Crozier; J. E. Wilson, A. Walters, L. W. Tipple, J. Riddell, S. Macnider, Dr. J. E. H. Coglan, S. Hardy, and Lt. Grayham.

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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

Nearly seven months ago, Mr. Douglas G. Carstairs, Area Manager of the Navy, Army and Air Force Institute, Hong Kong, was found dead in bed with a terrible stab wound in his abdomen at 2, Luna Building, Kimberley Road. The affair was a baffling mystery, and after vigilant investigations, the Police have decided to hold an inquest, the date of which has been fixed for December 17. A report is contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The new Aberdeen Valley Reservoir was officially opened by His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.) on December 15. Sir William paid great tribute to the splendid work of the P.W.D. Engineers, to whom, he declared, the Colony owed a great debt. The Director of Public Works (the Hon. Mr. H. T. Crensy, C.B.E.) gave an interesting survey of the dam, and the benefits that would follow its installation. A full report is contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The Chinese football dispute has come to an end at last. The Football Association are standing firm by their rights as regards football, and the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, whose influence over the Chinese Clubs had brought about the dispute, is politely but, nevertheless forcefully informed that it is an unrecognised body in the eyes of the Football Association. The protracted correspondence is at the end. A full report of the F.A.'s decision is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The fourteenth extra race meeting held at Happy Valley on December 12 rang down the curtain on a year's racing. Mr. L. G. Frost had a great day, winning four races in succession, paying over \$35 on Pride of Taiagiao in the fourth race. A sensation was caused in the Autumn Champions, when Sitting Bull, considered to be a cast-iron certainty, finished up last but one in a field of five. Orlando, a great favourite, made a welcome come-back in the last race, paying \$58.80 for a win, and \$13.50 for a place. The rider was Y. N. Loo. A full report is contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

December 12 (Saturday) saw the closing day of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, after a most successful season. There was a large gathering including a goodly sprinkling of ladies. A match was played over eight rinks, between the President's team and the Vice-President's team, resulting in a win for the former by five shots only. The President (Mr. G. E. F. Thompson) advocated the extension of friendly games, which added to the bowling and social attractions of the Club. A Records Board was unveiled by Mr. A. O. Brown, President of the Lawn Bowls Association. A detailed report is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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To-morrow's League Fixtures.

First Division.		Third Division (South).	
Aston Villa	(5) v. Blackburn R. (2)	Bournemouth	(1) v. Brentford (0)
Bolton W.	(-) v. Everton (-)	Brighton	(2) v. Luton (-)
Chelsea	(1) v. Birmingham (-)	Bristol R.	(2) v. Fulham (1)
Grimby T.	(-) v. West Brom. (-)	Clapton O.	(-) v. Reading (-)
Huddersfield	(10) v. Blackpool (1)	Crystal P.	(7) v. Exeter C. (2)
Leicester C.	(3) v. Portsmouth (-)	Mansfield T.	(-) v. Gillingham (-)
Liverpool	(0) v. Derby C. (0)	Norwich C.	(-) v. Cardiff C. (-)
Middlesbrough	(2) v. Arsenal (5)	Queen's P.R.	(3) v. Thames (0)
Newcastle U.	(1) v. Sheffield U. (0)	Swindon T.	(5) v. Northampton (1)
Wednesday	(1) v. Manchester C. (1)	Torquay U.	(3) v. Southend U. (1)
West Ham	(0) v. Sunderland (3)	Watford	(4) v. Coventry C. (1)

Second Division.		Third Division (North).	
Bradford	(7) v. Plymouth (1)	Aberdeen	(4) v. Kilmarnock (3)
Burnley	(2) v. Millwall (1)	Ayr U.	(2) v. Falkirk (5)
Charlton	(1) v. Barnsley (1)	Celtic	(4) v. Leith A. (0)
Chesham	(-) v. Port Vale (-)	Cowden	(0) v. Aberdeen (0)
M'Ghester U.	(-) v. Bristol C. (-)	Dundee	(0) v. Rangers (-)
Notts Forest	(3) v. Bury (0)	Hearts	(-) v. Dundee U. (-)
Preston N.E.	(4) v. Bradford C. (0)	Motherwell	(2) v. Queen's P.R. (1)
Southampton	(-) v. Leeds U. (-)	Partick T.	(2) v. Morton (1)
Stoke C.	(5) v. Swansea T. (0)	St. Mirren	(2) v. Clyde (1)
Tottenham	(4) v. Oldham (0)	Third Lanark	(-) v. Hamilton A. (-)
Wolves	(-) v. Notts C. (-)		

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.		Second Division.	
Everton	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	Bradford	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
West Bromwich	10 6 1 0 46 15 16	Burnley	10 6 1 0 46 15 16
Arsenal	9 4 1 4 21 9 12	Charlton	10 6 1 0 46 15 16
Wednesday	9 7 1 1 29 11 15	Chesham	10 6 1 0 46 15 16
Liverpool	10 7 1 2 33 19 16	M'Ghester U.	10 6 1 0 46 15 16
Huddersfield	10 5 6 5 22 16 13	Notts Forest	10 6 1 0 46 15 16
Sheffield U.	10 6 3 1 25 16 13	Preston N.E.	10 6 1 0 46 15 16
Aston Villa	8 7 1 0 29 11 14	Southampton	10 6 1 0 46 15 16
Newcastle U.	8 6 1 1 21 8 13	Stoke C.	10 6 1 0 46 15 16
Middlesbrough	9 6 2 1 23 12 13	Tottenham	10 6 1 0 46 15 16
Birmingham	10 6 1 3 21 11 15	Wolves	10 6 1 0 46 15 16
Leicester City	10 6 3 1 26 17 13		
Bolton W.	9 7 2 0 23 11 14		
Manchester C.	10 4 3 3 20 16 11		
Portsmouth	10 5 4 1 10 12 11		
West Ham U.	9 4 4 1 15 17 9		
Blackburn R.	11 5 4 2 28 25 12		
Sunderland	10 4 4 2 19 18 16		
Blackpool	11 5 4 2 21 12 12		
Derby C.	10 6 2 2 24 13 14		
Chelsea	8 4 4 0 15 16 8		
Grimby T.	9 4 5 0 15 13 8		

Second Division.		Scottish League.	
HOME.	AWAY.	First Division.	Second Division.
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.
Leeds U.	9 5 2 2 17 7 12	Motherwell	11 10 0 1 46 7 21
Wolverhampton	9 8 1 0 33 6 16	Rangers	11 8 1 2 35 7 18
Plymouth A.	10 5 2 3 27 20 13	Aberdeen	12 8 0 4 23 7 20
Bury	10 7 2 1 29 12 15	Celtic	11 8 1 2 42 12 18
Stoke City	9 7 0 2 25 8 16	St. Mirren	12 8 2 2 30 12 18
Notts County	9 5 2 2 21 9 12	Third Lanark	10 7 2 1 30 16 15
Southampton	9 5 3 1 15 15 11	Kilmarnock	10 8 1 1 29 10 17
Notts Forest	10 5 2 3 21 13 13	Clyde	11 6 2 3 21 14 15
Millwall	10 5 3 2 25 12 12	Hearts	11 6 2 3 21 14 15
Barnsley	8 3 2 3 16 16 9	Partick T.	9 4 3 2 18 14 10
Swansea T.	9 6 3 0 24 12 12	Queen's P.R.	12 5 2 2 27 26 12
Tottenham H.	10 5 3 2 34 22 12	Cowden	11 5 3 3 19 16 13
Barnley	10 4 3 2 13 12 11	Dundee	12 5 2 5 25 18 15
Port Vale	10 4 3 2 13 12 11	Hamilton A.	11 5 4 2 31 22 12
Manchester U.	10 4 3 2 13 12 11	Falkirk	11 5 4 2 31 22 12
Bradford C.	8 3 2 3 19 15 9	Aberdeen	11 6 3 2 30 20 14
Oldham A.	10 4 4 2 20 20 10	Dundee U.	11 5 4 2 30 16 12
Preston N.E.	8 4 1 3 10 9 11	Morton	11 3 5 1 17 11 11
Chesham	8 3 4 1 15 18 7	Ayr United	12 4 7 1 20 25 9
Charlton A.	9 3 4 2 14 14 8	Leith A.	11 5 6 0 17 24 10
Bristol C.	11 2 6 3 12 18 7		

Third Division (South).		Scottish League LAUNCHED.	
HOME.	AWAY.	The Men Who Started Game in the North.	
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	GUARANTEE OF \$5.	
Brentford	8 7 1 0 18 5 14	Clubs groaned under many burdens before League football was established in Scotland.	
Southend U.	7 4 0 3 30 3 11	There was no qualifying Cup. Every club in membership of the S.F.A. was drawn in the Scottish Cup competition. None was exempted.	
Fulham	8 6 1 1 21 13 13	The Glasgow clubs insisted on a clear road for their own competition. Match fixtures were upset. Cup games were always played on a Saturday; even the replays.	
Crystal Palace	9 6 0 3 24 8 15	The custom then was for matches to be arranged on the home-and-home principle. This meant that each club retained its entire drawings.	
Exeter C.	10 7 1 2 26 10 16	Many clubs were none too particular whether a return game was played or not. A more attractive club game could be got in the cup-ties.	
Watford	9 8 1 0 27 13 16	The bigger clubs kicked at being forced to play an inferior class of opponents. Their protests were of no avail.	
Coventry C.	9 7 1 1 27 10 15	County clubs also cried out for a more equitable adjustment of gate drawings. The more powerful among them, including Renton, Dumbarton, and Vale of Leven, brought much grist to the city clubs. Their own home gates were meagre by comparison.	
Brighton	9 5 3 1 18 12 11	Only in cup-ties had the small fry a chance to make good. An agitation for reform became general throughout the country.	
Luton T.	8 6 2 0 16 7 12	Renton Take Action.	
Norwich C.	10 4 2 4 19 9 12	England had adopted open professionalism for years, and had made free with Scottish players. The League system had been in operation in England for a year or two. There was no doubt about its success.	
Reading	8 6 1 1 22 10 13	Something had to be done in Scotland. The birth of Celtic F.C. in 1888 quickened the movement for a league.	
Bournemouth	9 5 2 2 20 14 12	The initiative was taken by the Renton Club. A circular was sent out by Renton inviting the following 14 clubs to a meeting in Glasgow on March 20, 1890:	
Queen's Park R.	9 5 1 3 24 16 13	Queen's Park, Rangers, Celtic, Third Lanark, Heart of Midlothian, Cowals, Clyde, St. Mirren, Abercorn, Renton, Dumbarton, Vale of Leven, St. Bernard, and Cambuslang.	
Manfield T.	9 5 1 3 18 15 9	With the exception of Queen's Park and Clyde, all responded to the circular to discuss a proposal fraught with big issues to the game in Scotland.	
Cardiff U.	9 2 4 3 18 15 9	Queen's Park held the Scottish Cup at the time, and were a more powerful club than now. Their officials suspected that the extension of the league system to Scotland was a covert move against the Scottish F.A. and amateurism. So they kept out.	
Torquay U.	9 2 4 3 18 15 9	A bitter antagonist to professionalism was Mr. Alex. Lawrance, of Dumbarton. Yet such was the faith the clubs had in him that he was called to the chair.	
Clapton O.	9 4 2 3 17 11 11	The eloquent pleading of the late Mr. J. H. McLaughlin, of Celtic, availed the meeting. On his motion, the proposal to form the Scottish Football League was carried	
Bristol R.	10 3 4 3 17 18 9		
Swindon T.	10 3 5 2 18 20 8		
Thames	10 2 4 4 13 13 8		
Northampton T.	8 2 4 2 7 12 6		
Gillingham	8 2 3 3 7 11 7		

Third Division (North).		Scottish League LAUNCHED.	
HOME.	AWAY.	The Men Who Started Game in the North.	
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.	GUARANTEE OF \$5.	
Lincoln City	9 5 1 0 30 4 16	Clubs groaned under many burdens before League football was established in Scotland.	
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Barnsley	8 4 1 1 15 7 9	England had adopted open professionalism for years, and had made free with Scottish players. The League system had been in operation in England for a year or two. There was no doubt about its success.	
Hartlepool	10 4 2 4 19 19 12	Something had to be done in Scotland. The birth of Celtic F.C. in 1888 quickened the movement for a league.	
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Halifax	8 5 1 2 11 6 12	With the exception of Queen's Park and Clyde, all responded to the circular to discuss a proposal fraught with big issues to the game in Scotland.	
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Rochdale	9 4 3 2 17 13 10		
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Doncaster R.	9 3 5 1 12 16 7		
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A bitter antagonist to professionalism was Mr. Alex. Lawrance, of Dumbarton. Yet such was the faith the clubs had in him that he was called to the chair.

The eloquent pleading of the late Mr. J. H. McLaughlin, of Celtic, availed the meeting. On his motion, the proposal to form the Scottish Football League was carried.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

HOCKEY—To-day—Hong Kong Club "A" v. Radio Sports.

CRICKET—To-morrow—First Division—Kowloon C.C. v. Royal Artillery (L.); Craigengower C.C. v. University (F.); Second Division—University v. Craigengower C.C. (F.); Police v. Indian R.C. (F.).

GOLF—To-morrow—R.I.K.G.C. Bogey Pool.

SUNDAY—R.I.K.G.C. Championship Final and Bogey Pool; Annual Gymkhana and Presentation of Prizes at Kowloon G.C.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Division—St. Joseph's v. Police; Argyle v. Club; Navy v. Borderers; Second Division—Borderers v. Club; University v. R.A.O.C.; Third Division—St. Joseph's v. Recreation; Chinese League—Yee Woo v. South China "A"; South China "B" v. Sung Ching; "Eastern v. Chinese Athletic Club."

LAWN TENNIS—Sunday—Open Mixed Doubles Final.

STEELCARRING—Sunday—Farming Hunt and Race-Club Meet at Kwai.

without a dissentient.

The First League.

Thus came into being a body that saved the game and its clubs from decay, and proved the most stimulating influence in Scottish football.

The following eleven clubs comprised the Scottish League in its first year:—

Renton, Celtic, Rangers, Third Lanark, Cowals, Cambuslang, St. Mirren, Abercorn, Vale of Leven, Dumbarton, and Heart of Midlothian.

The first officer-bearers were:—President, A. Lawrance (Dumbarton); vice-president, G. Henderson (Cowals); treasurer, W. Wilton (Rangers); and secretary, J. H. McLaughlin (Celtic).

Committee:—A. McIntyre (Renton), J. Richardson (Heart of Midlothian), J. Buchanan (Vale of Leven), R. Livingstone (Cambuslang), A. Towns (St. Mirren), John Thomson (Third Lanark), and T. Hasle (Abercorn).

Cowals dropped out, and Clyde and Leith Athletic were admitted the following year, when the membership was increased to twelve clubs.

Originally, the gate money in League games was allocated in the proportion of two-thirds to the home club, and one third to the visiting club, with a guarantee of £5. The arrangement now is half-gate terms, with a guarantee of £100.

There are now 40 clubs in membership, 20 in the First, and an equal number in the Second Division.

The League has fulfilled its mission. Three years after its inception, professionalism was legalised in Scotland, after a strenuous fight to end the quasi-amateurism that had disgraced football for many years.—Sunday Post.

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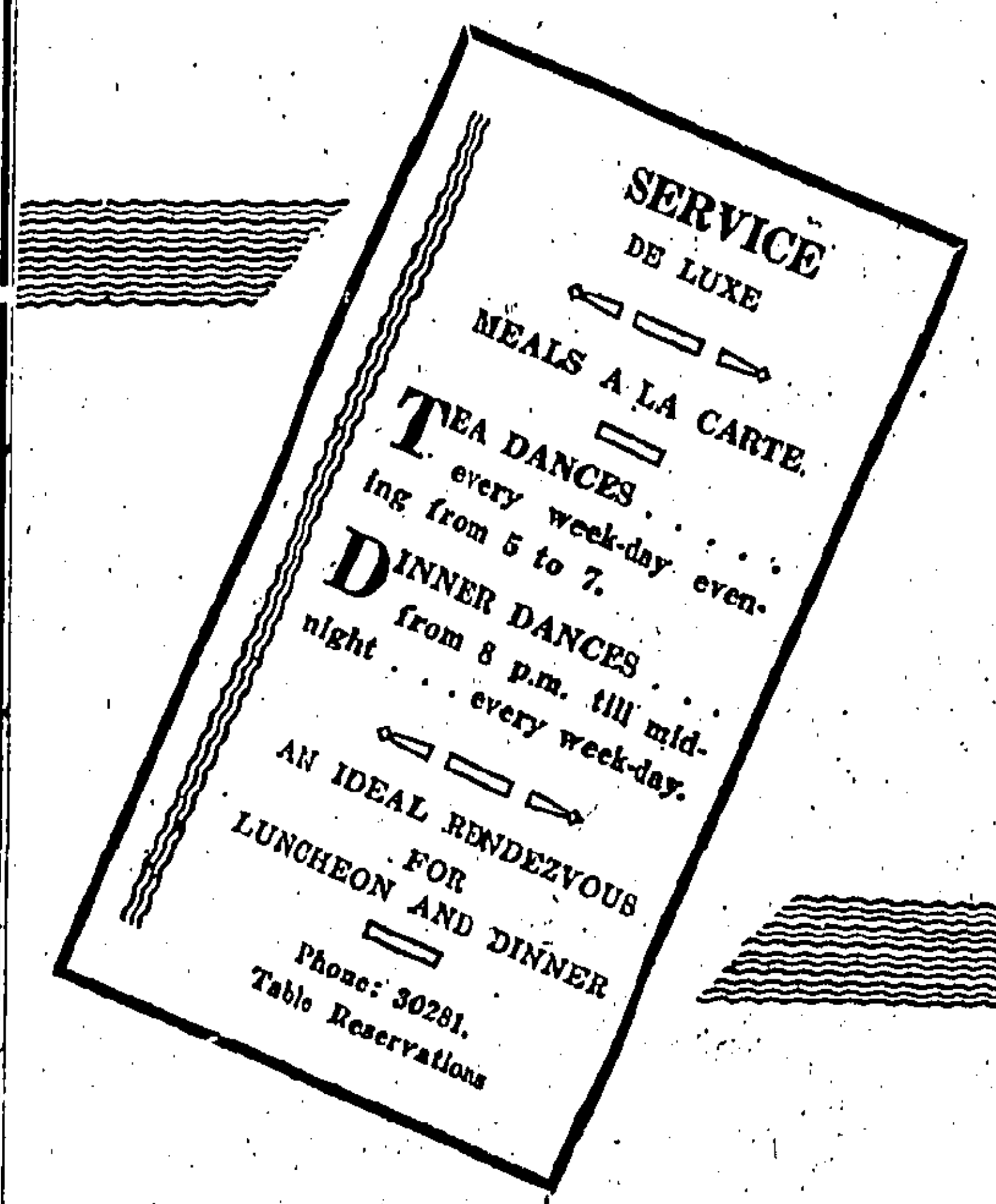
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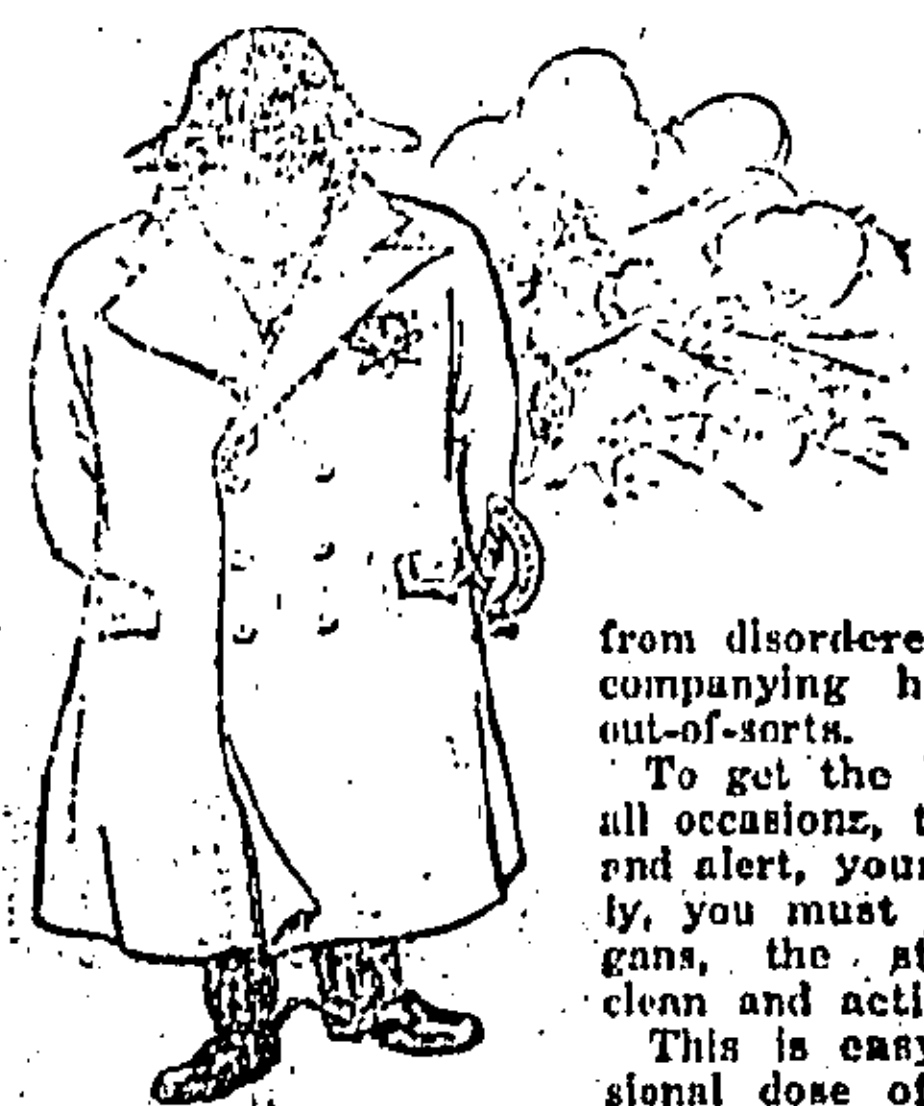
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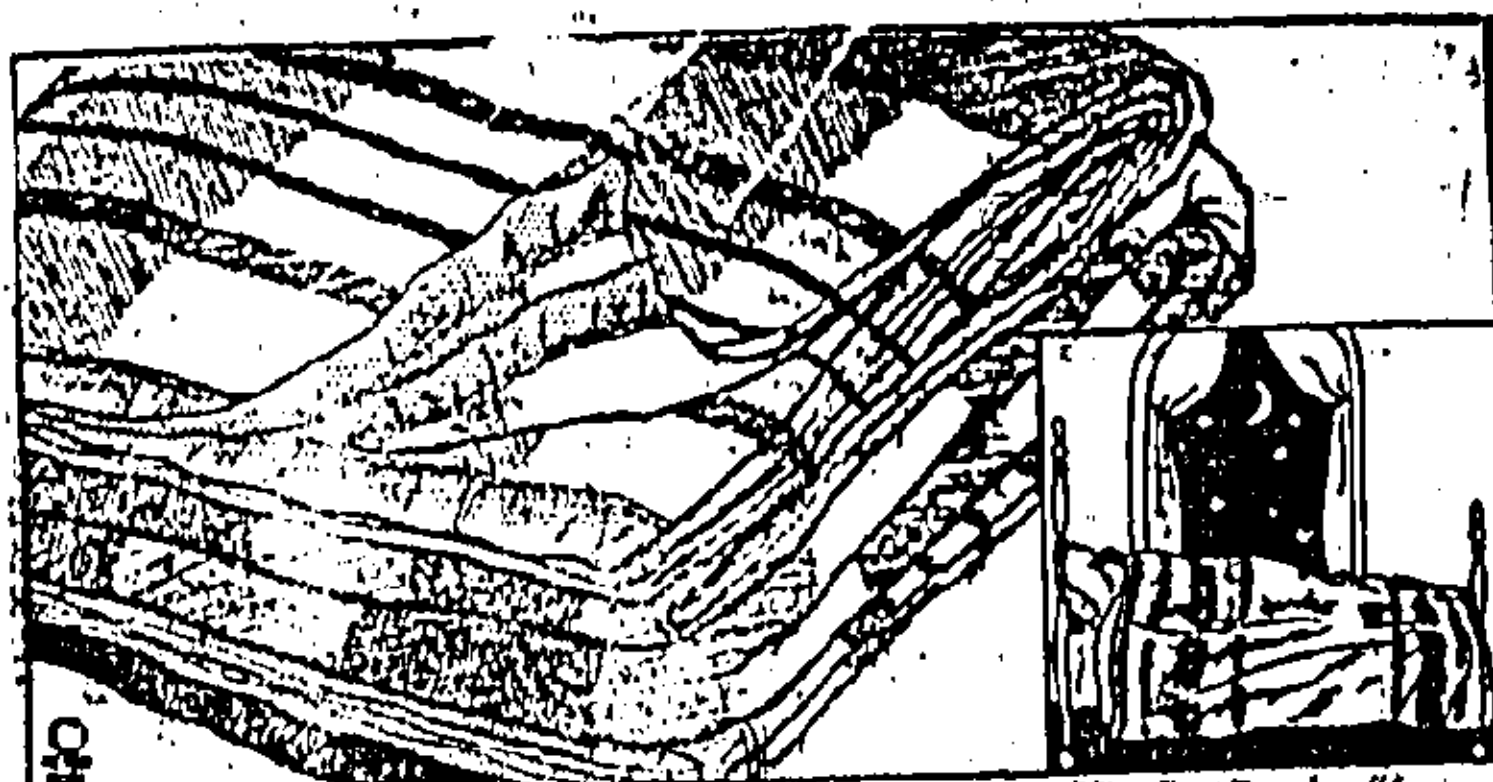
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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 18, 1931.

"Education."

"As we were." That is the net outcome of the Hon. Dr. Kotewall's query in the Legislative Council suggesting a Committee to enquire into the Government's education policy. It was officially stated on October 22, 1931, that the Government would give serious consideration to Dr. Kotewall's suggestion. On December 17, 1931, it was officially stated that the Board of Education was asked in October, 1930 (not 1931, be it carefully noted) to review the existing system of education and make recommendations in respect of future policy. The proceedings of the Board of Education being held in camera through some queer whim of Sir Cecil Clementi's, the public could not know that. The Hon. Dr. Kotewall and other Unofficial members of the Legislative Council could not know that. The subject of education is sacrosanct; it would be heretical to breathe one unnecessary word about it in public. Even the Government spokesman, on October 22, 1931, in promising serious consideration to a suggestion to appoint a Committee, could not divulge then that the Board of Education had been asked twelve months previously to review the system and make certain recommendations. Perhaps on October 22, 1931, the Colonial Secretary himself was not permitted to know what had been done in October, 1930. Who knows? Stranger things than that have been known to occur in this wonderful Colony.

The Government could not, at any rate, divulge on October 22, 1931, even in the Legislative Council, what it had authorised to be done in October, 1930. Nor could it then say that it considers the Board of Education "competent to advise on matters connected with education in the Colony." Even on December 17, 1931, the Government hastily, almost uncomfortably—skipped over the varied matters dealt with by the Board, including—precious thought!—"the difficult question of the extent to

which public funds should be made available for other than vernacular education"—and rather shame-facedly it tells us at this late date, that "several of its recommendations have already been put into operation and others will be adopted shortly." Of course, it would be breaching all the canons of good taste and of decent administration to divulge the exact nature of the recommendations already put into operation or those others that shall shortly be adopted. Why should it depart from the policy of secrecy concerning the cosseted and cloistered Education Department and tell such things in the Legislative Council? That would merely be pandering to "those horrid newspapers"! What does it matter if the Government's precious education policy (!) does involve a loss of over \$1,420,000 a year? Isn't that the Government's own business? Isn't the Government guided by a Board "competent to advise on matters connected with education"? Hands off, ye meddlers and busybodies, ye disturbers of hornets' nests—and let the public money continue to be sacrificed at the rate of \$1,420,000 a year in the sacred name of "Education"!

From Other Pens.

Authors' Jealousies.
The jealousy of authors exceeds the jealousy of women. Hear this tale from a far-off European country, where literature is esteemed more highly than politics.
Mr. X, famous patriotic novelist, had just completed twenty-five years of literary activity, and the citizens of his native town gave a banquet in his honour.
The arrangements were perfect, the courses long and numerous, the champagne copious and indifferent, the speeches eloquent and complimentary.
The climax came when a rival author rose to propose the toast of the guest of honour.
"Mr. X," he said, "is not only a great patriot and a great citizen of our town; he is a model father and a model husband."
"In these degenerate days this is a rare virtue among authors. Rare indeed is it that an author dedicates all his books to his wife. Yet that is what Mr. X. has done."
"As far as I know," he has dedicated only one book to another woman; our beautiful actress, Miss

K. And that book was a cheque-book."—Londoner in the Evening Standard.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday, was 56 degrees. The humidity was 54 at 10 a.m. and 61 at 4 p.m.

The close of yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council, which is the last of the current year, Council was adjourned sine die.

The remains of Captain Harry Armstrong Settle were laid to rest in the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley yesterday evening, the Rev. C. B. Shann, M.A., conducting the burial rites. There was a large gathering of friends and colleagues.

It has been arranged that the Prize Drawing of St. John Ambulance Brigade will be held at the rooms of the Compradores' Association on Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. Holders of tickets are invited to attend and witness the proceedings.

Members of the European Y.M.C.A. gave an emphatic affirmative reply to the question as to whether the world should not submit to the tyranny of conventions when the motion was debated in the lounge last night, and by 18 votes to 7 recorded in favour of the abolition of tyrannical taboos.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday approved of supplementary votes totalling \$14,046. These include Public Works extraordinary; the cost of printing the result of the International Upper Air Research; cost of a Geographical Survey carried out by Brig.-Gen. H. St. J. L. Winterbotham; and electric light and fans, and additional rent of married quarters for the Police Force. There was some discussion in each instance.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday His Excellency the Governor said: Gentlemen, as this is probably the last meeting of Council to be held this year, I take this opportunity of thanking the present members of Council and those who have acted temporarily during the course of the year for their advice and co-operation, and for the great assistance they have given me personally throughout the year. I offer you my sincere good wishes for the coming year.

The following Bills passed their final stages at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council: "A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to intoxicating liquors"; "A Bill to make provision for the taxation of bets on authorised totalisators or pari-mutuels and on contributions or subscriptions toward authorised cash-sweeps"; "A Bill to amend the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance, 1927"; "A Bill to amend further the Registration of United Kingdom Patents Ordinance, 1925"; and "A Bill to amend and consolidate the law relating to the taxation of tobacco."

CORRESPONDENCE.

A PROTEST.

To the Editor of "China Mail." Sir,—As an old pupil of the Italian Convent I would like to protest against the publicity given to this school through the Police Courts.

Recently a theft was reported and prominence given to the fact that the culprit was an old Italian Convent pupil.

In this era of almost universal education the prisons must be filled with ex-pupils of some school or other, and it is unfair to cast a slur on the good name of one of the best Institutions in the Colony through a lapse on the part of one of the five hundred girls who pass through its portals annually.

Yours, etc.,

THELMA MAY.

Italian Convent,
Hong Kong, December 18.

ANOTHER MATINEE.

To the Editor of "China Mail." Sir,—Thanks so much for letting the H.K.P.S. know that there is a big demand for a second matinee of "Miss Hook of Holland." I myself know dozens of children who were so disappointed at not being present—that was, of course, when the kiddies who did go came home and told them all about it. Here we have no Christmas pantomimes for the children—why not give us

PUREE DE POIS

By
BESOMORO.

SUCCESS.

"It is not in mortals to command success."
But we'll do more, Sempronius, we'll deserve it.

Few be there who are unacquainted with these words so oftentimes quoted in exhortations from pulpit and platform. But they are as dry husks to a hungry and thirsty man. Success in an elusive something, "full of promise till men get it; then it is a last year's nest, from which the bird has flown." How to be successful? That has been answered for us already by countless successful persons, and each one prescribes something different. "According to Indians, the way to 'command success' is to worship the Elephant God—Ganesha—the deity of success. Small models in stone or brass of this god are very common in India, and can be purchased for a small sum of money. The god is depicted as possessing a human body with the head of an elephant, or which there appears an unusual head-dress. One of the god's hands is upraised.

The Rajah of Indore, who seems to think that the bigger the deity the greater the chances of success, had built, some years ago, an immense image of the Elephant God in his private grounds. It is the most unique image of its kind in India.

WHAT IS LOVE?

A cynic—he delights in being known as a cynic—asked me this question, the other day. He was kind enough not to press for an answer at once; he even suggested that I should reply through the medium of this column. I would emulate Plato, if I asked any-one that question, but my cynic. I know to my cost, is sceptic-line. So here is the reply of a wag, and I hope it satisfies him.

"There are conflicting opinions. Some say it's what makes the world go round—others deny this, and say that this phenomenon is caused by centrifugal action—whatever that may be. However, there are plenty of authorities on the sub-

a second, and even a third, matinee of "Miss Hook of Holland" during Christmas week? And at really popular prices for a change.

Yours, etc.,
DADDY LONG LEGS.
Hong Kong, December 18.

DEBTS AND REPARATIONS.

British Note to France.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The reply to the recent French note setting forth the British Government's views regarding Debts and Reparations was today handed to the French Ambassador in London.

It is understood that the reply emphasises the importance of awaiting the report of the Advisory Committee under the Young Plan now sitting at Basle. —British Wireless Service.

SCHOOL DANCE.

Central British Pupils' Gaiety.

Central British School, Kowloon, was again the scene of much gaiety yesterday afternoon, when the senior members held their annual Fancy Dress Dance, there being over 200 present, with the head master and Mrs. G. F. Nightingale as host and hostess.

After a sumptuous repast, the party adjourned to St. Andrew's Church Hall, where the three plays "Thirty Minutes in a Street" by Beatrice Mayor, "The Man of Ideas" by Miles Mallowson, and "The Spinster of Lush" by Philip Johnson, were repeated, with unqualified success.

Miss P. W. Brown, M.B.E., B.A., the producer, was presented with a basket of flowers.
At 7.30 o'clock the party returned to the School Hall (gaily decorated for the occasion) where dancing, in which former pupils took part, was indulged in. The fancy dress

feet, presumably some of the unfortunate victims. There are no reliable text-books. You have to find out for yourself, and then it's generally too late."

SIR WALTER SCOTT AND THE DUNCE.

It seems to be a characteristic of famous men that they are seldom brilliant while at school or college. The originators of the theory of gravitation and evolution were acknowledged dunces while at school. Sir Walter Scott, in whose novels many find great delight, was far from clever at school, and a good story is told of him, when, after he had become famous he dropped in to see his old school one day. The teacher put his class through their paces. After a while, the famous novelist asked:

"But which is the dunce? You have one, surely? Show him to me?"

The teacher called up a poor fellow, who looked the picture of woe as he approached the distinguished visitor.

"Are you the dunce?" asked Sir Walter.

"Yes, sir," said the boy.
"Well, my good fellow," said the great novelist, "here's a crown for you for keeping my place warm."

AN EDITORIAL NIGHTMARE.

"What strange phantoms people the twilight of this evening, when the wind—but is it the wind?—is clamorous at the window and tugs at the door! Unbidden and inexorable they come; and their presence breathes mute reproach—a hope betrayed—perhaps fleeting desire, always kindling hate. The soda is almost flat, but there is still time, still time—but no—that! There must be no truckling now. One above all lingers at the last—appealing, pitiful hands, quivering lips, great dark eyes—once wells of laughter—now shining with unshed tears. So this is the end—would to goodness there had never been a beginning!"

"Old loves, of course? Ah, no—rejected contributors...." (With apologies to the Gong.)

STOP PRESS

Sydney, Yesterday.
In the second Test Match South Africa won the toss and batted first.

Scores at lunch time:—
Mitchell, b McCabe 1
Christy, c Nilschke, b Grimmett 14
Morkel, St. Oldfield, b Grimmett 20
Taylor, c Lee, b Grimmett 7
Cameron, b Wall 11
Viljoen, not out 7
Dallon, not out 0
Extras 2

Total (6 wks.) .. 62

costumes attracted much attention, and the prize went to Master A. Iffa, who appeared as Helen Wills. The other prize was awarded to Miss Stella Bander, as an Early Georgian.

At the conclusion, the head master thanked all those who had helped in any way toward the success of the entertainment.

To-day's Thought.

Some people can't be emphatic without being dogmatic.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of December 18, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/7½.

Having successfully passed her trials, the Paludina, the first of the four oil tankers built for the A.P.C., is now taking in benzine preparatory to making her maiden voyage from Hong Kong to-morrow. On Saturday afternoon the members of the A.P.C. staff and their friends were given an opportunity of inspecting the vessel. After-ward the visitors were entertained at afternoon tea.



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The Girl Who Bought A Ship

by J. J. Bell



THE GREY-HAIRED man with the sallow, gentle countenance took a sip of his coffee, glanced round the great restaurant, and turned again to his companion, a stout, good-natured looking lady.

"You are giving me a real treat, Julia," he said. "It makes those wasted years out in the wilds almost worth while to sit with you in this luxury and hear you put half-forgotten names to half the strange faces —"

"Don't exaggerate, Bob," she interrupted. "The years have not been wasted — you have served your country with them — and I happen to know very few of the people here to-night. But some people, whom I know quite well, have just come to the second table directly on your left, and one of them may interest you. Take a look."

It was occupied by four persons: a middle-aged woman, two young men, both very presentable, and a girl with tawny hair, and dark blue eyes.

"Thanks, Julia," said the grey-haired man, whose name was Meredith, "that girl is worth seeing. Her face is decidedly attractive. Who is she?"

"Norma Fortallistair."

"Fortallistair! Why, I've heard the name! It's an unusual one. Let me see." The grey-haired man wrinkled his already wrinkled brows. "By Jove! I met a man of that name out yonder long ago — he made a pot of money in tin —"

"He made pots of money in no end of things! When he died, nearly two years ago, he left the girl six millions. A year ago she came of age, since when she has been absolutely free to do what she likes."

"Six millions!" He glanced at Miss Fortallistair. "And she appears to be happy. I should have thought the mountain would crush her."

"It hasn't — but her father's death nearly did." Lady Hilyard's voice became tender. "It was a cruel business. They were alone in the world and devoted to each other. After Norma left school she went with him on all his travels; she was scarcely ever at home; the result being that she had no chance to make friends, and when the end came suddenly — heart failure while motor-ing in the country —"

"Poor child! Were there no relations?"

"The woman you see, her father's cousin, Miss Laidlaw, was the only one in this country. Immediately after the tragedy Norma and she went abroad and travelled incessantly, feverishly, for a year. Then Norma seemed to get over it and they came home and settled down. Norma has plenty of friends now."

"I could believe that, though six millions were reduced to six pence. What is she doing about the mountain of money?"

"I understand she gives, but does not

fling, lots away. She needs a husband to help her to spend it — I'm not sardonic! — I don't mean a wastrel. I'm fond of Norma."

The grey-haired man lit a fresh cigarette. "Who is going to ask a girl with six millions to marry him?"

"Our young men are not at all so diffident as they were in your day, Bob," Lady Hilyard said a little drily. "Norma does not talk of those things, but I suspect several men of having made the attempt."

"I hope she may choose a decent man."

"I hope she doesn't fall in love with one who will never ask her," Lady Hilyard said, with a glance in the girl's direction. "Norma is no simpleton, but her ideas are simple. Her father had no time for display and she has no use for it. She has a beautiful town house, a lovely little country estate, a magnificent steam-yacht and so forth; but, if I know the girl at all, such things count for little in her life."

"One moment. Do you know the two young fellows with her?"



"Oh, yes. They are frequently her escorts. They happened to be on the road when her father was taken ill, and were of the greatest service. The fairish one, Charles Dennison, is a junior partner in that mammoth firm of accountants, Dennison, Stark and Co., the other, Colin Hart, has, I believe, a pretty good position in the business. Do you think that they are both in love with her?"

"I think that one is very much in love with her and that one will shortly ask her to marry him," Meredith slowly answered.

Their going out brought them close to the table occupied by the lately-arrived quartette. Norma Fortallistair looked up and held out her hand.

"How nice to see you, Lady Hilyard!"

"I've been thinking that of you for the past ten minutes," Lady Hilyard returned, and nodded to Miss Laidlaw and the two young men. "Let me present Mr. Meredith, who is seeing London after many years in the East."

"Won't you join us for a little?" the girl asked, looking from one to the other.

"That would be delightful, but we are due at the theatre," Lady Hilyard replied.

"I hope we may see you again soon. Mr.

Meredith has just been telling me that he met your father, long ago."

"I should like to hear about that," said the girl warmly. "We are going down to Woodways to-morrow, for Christmas. Why not join us there as soon as you can? We are having a little dance on Christmas Eve."

"Then you won't want old-stagers?"

"We want you, Lady Hilyard," — Norma turned to the grey-haired man — "and you, too, Mr. Meredith."

The sallow face flushed; the tired eyes brightened. "That is so kind of you, Miss Fortallistair," he said, "that I don't know what to say. As for sparing time, I've been home — retired — for ten days, and already I'm at a loose end. I seem to have dropped out. But for Lady Hilyard —"

Lady Hilyard turned to Norma. "As a matter of fact, my dear, your invitation is a godsend to us both."

"That is splendid," said Norma. "Come on Friday. Mr. Dennison and Mr. Hart are to be with us for a quiet week-end. Then you will get a few peaceful days before the Christmas crowd arrives."

"By the way," remarked Lady Hilyard, "Christmas Eve is your birthday, isn't it?"

"Yes, but we never mention it," Norma smiled, sighed, and smiled again. "Daddy, when I was a troublesome kid, used to say that anything may happen on Christmas Eve."

"True," said Mr. Meredith quietly, "but only if one really wishes it may happen. I wish it may, Miss Fortallistair."

She glanced up and coloured slightly. In the tired eyes was infinite kindness, also a look she did not comprehend.

"Come, Bob, we must really be going," Lady Hilyard mildly interposed.

As they passed out of the restaurant she said: "We shall be late for the play."

"Yes, but it can hardly be more interesting than the play we have just left. A girl; two friends who want her; one she cares for, and one who is not quite straight. How will it end?"

"You are guessing!" she said quickly. "How can you know that one is not straight?"

"I have been guessing for thirty years," he replied, "and I've seldom guessed wrong. A sort of instinct, I suppose, developed in dealing with primitive people."

"Which of those two men is not straight?" she asked.

"I shall tell you that only if it should become necessary."

"Aggravating thing! Well, tell me what you wish for Norma on her birthday."

"That the man she cares for will ask her to marry him."

"And which is he?"

"That would be telling everything."

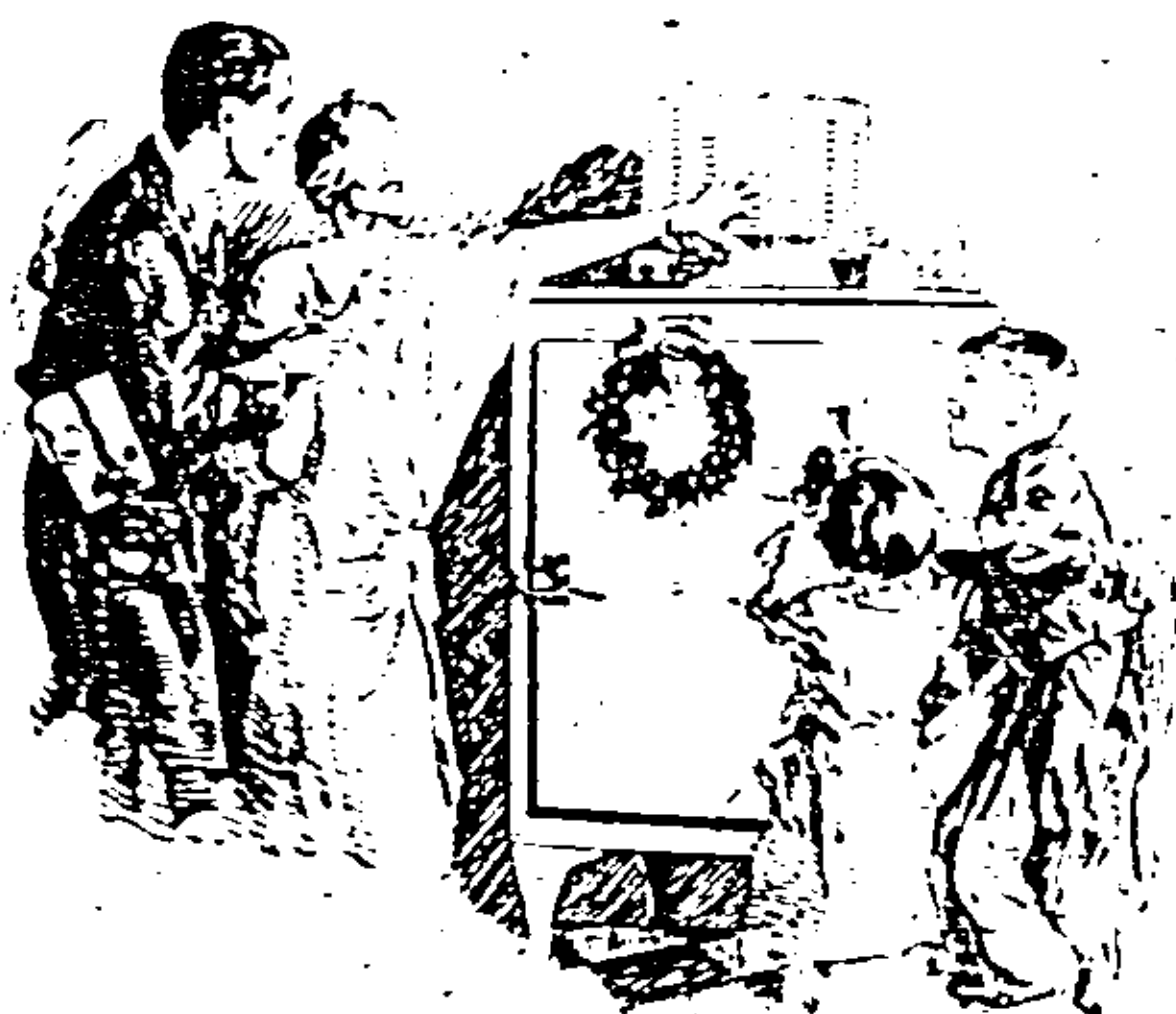
In the restaurant Miss Laidlaw was saying: "Just as well I didn't remind Mr. Meredith of how I used occasionally to meet him long ago. It might have been awkward."

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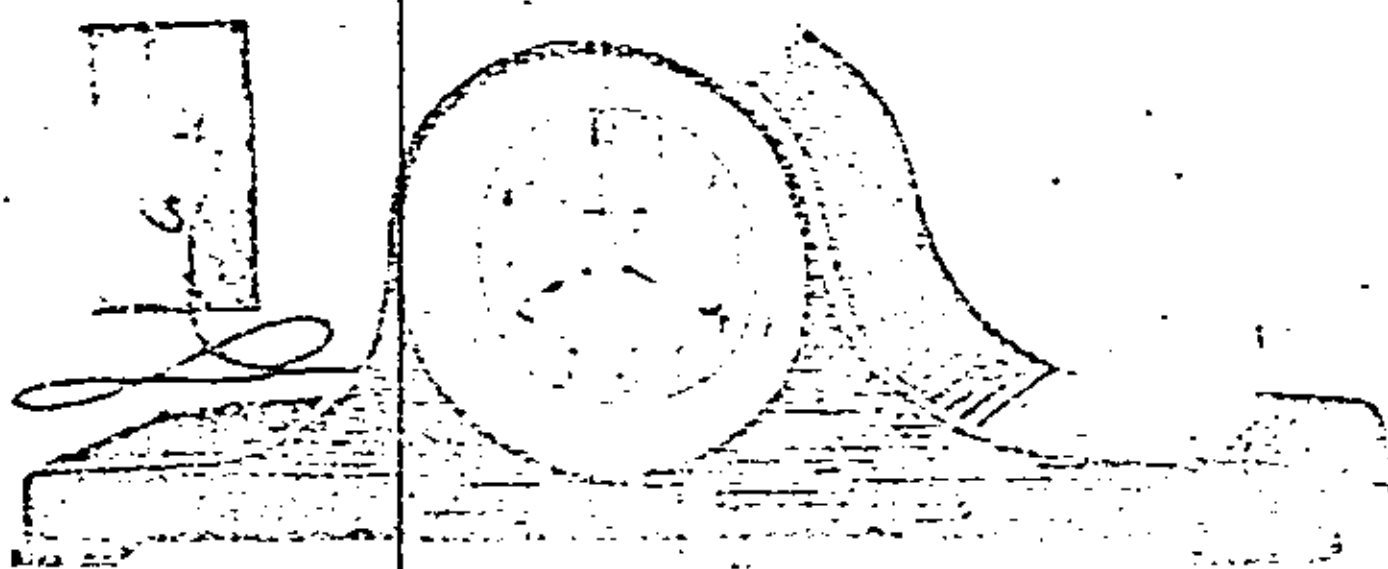
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because in the old days everybody thought there was an affair between him and Lady Hilyard, or Julia Telford, as she was then. Her people were big coal-owners, while his were pretty badly off; but he and she were always together. Then suddenly he went abroad, and I have't seen nor heard of him till now."

"Looks as if she had turned him down in the old days," Dennison remarked.

"He may never have asked her," said Colin Hart, fingering his glass.

"But he was in love with her, and she with him!" exclaimed Miss Laidlaw.

There was a brief pause, in which Norma made a small movement that might have betokened impatience, and Charles said:

"Possibly he went abroad to make money, and didn't succeed. Did she marry soon after his departure, Miss Laidlaw?"

"She must have been well over thirty when she married Sir John, quite an old man, and she has been a widow for ten years. Perhaps now that they have come together again," the spinster added hopefully, "something may happen."

"What a fund of romantic ideas you have, Alice," Norma observed.

"It would be delightful if they got engaged at Woodways, Norma."

Norma smiled. "I'm sure we shall all do what we can to help on the good work. Lady Hilyard is a dear, and I think we are going to like Mr. Meredith."

"He has nice, sad eyes," said Miss Laidlaw, who was given to blurring out her impressions. "They make me think of Mr. Hart's."

Colin reddened, as was natural enough, at this very personal reference, and for the second time Norma, comprehending what she had seen in the older man's eyes coloured slightly.

From which it may be assumed, since there is no flame, however faint, without warmth, that Norma had more than a mere friendly interest in Colin Hart. So, at least, it appeared to Charles the watchful, and the doubt he had been harbouring for some weeks became a danger.

Colin had never even thought of telling Norma he loved her. A girl with six millions — a goddess remote! On the contrary, he had got into the habit of telling himself he was a fool ever to see her again, that he ought to abandon all his prospects and go abroad. Yet when a chance of seeing her offered itself, he could not resist it.

But Norma knew. If she had wondered about it before, she was sure of it tonight. "He may never have asked." In that little speech, or in the manner of uttering it, Colin had betrayed his heart. And her heart had been glad, only to be dismayed. He cared, but he would never tell her.

At the end of the evening Norma said to her hosts: "So we shall expect you on Friday evening, about seven."

"Thanks awfully," said Charles.

"I'm afraid Friday is impossible for me," said Colin. "Must be at the office early on Saturday morning."

"Then we shall look for you both on Saturday afternoon," she said, to Charles's secret chagrin.

This trifling incident is recorded only in view of what followed.

Early on the Saturday afternoon Charles reached Woodways in his car, but it was late in the evening when Colin arrived.

"Charles explained, of course, that some work turned up at the last moment?" said Colin, when they greeted him in the hall.

"I pointed out," said Charles pleasantly, "that you were becoming more and more indispensable to the firm."

"All the same," said Norma, "I'm be-

ginning to wonder whether you will arrive on Christmas Eve."

"Nothing can prevent me then, Norma."

"Don't let anything prevent you, Mr. Hart," remarked Mr. Meredith.

"Have you a sinister premonition, Mr. Meredith?" Charles asked jestingly.

"I'm rather given that way," the older man good-humouredly replied. "But I do not doubt that you will be here, Mr. Dennison, on Friday next."

Later he said to Lady Hilyard:

"I've been studying those young people, Julia, and I've made friends with Colin Hart. He is a good fellow and would make Miss Norma a good husband. But she'll either have to ask him, or compel him to ask her."

"It's the money, I suppose."

"Always the money — or the lack of it."

"Or the lack of courage," she said softly. "But may I ask just why you are so deeply interested in those two, especially the young man?"

"Possibly," he answered slowly, "because he reminds me of myself thirty years ago — at Christmastide, too!"

"Only of yourself, Bob?"

"You know better than that!"

In the pause she put out her hand and laid it over his resting on the chair arm. She sighed and said —

"Bob, have we still no courage?"

"I have nothing," he replied, "but my poor little pension."

Her next words came in a whisper:

"Bob, don't be silly!"

A smile came into his eyes. "Why, dear," he said, "you used to say that thirty years ago."

"Never mind the thirty years," she said.

Under her touch his hand turned cautiously until his palm was against hers, her fingers in his.

After a while she said: "I think I am now better qualified to gain Norma's confidence, for I can begin by confiding in her."

"And I," he said stoutly, "can bid that young man have courage."

On his return to town Charles Dennison had a talk with his father, the gist of which was that Colin Hart must be got out of the way for a season, and that without delay. And Mr. Dennison, Senior, who had no objections to a daughter-in-law with six millions, did his best to help, with the result that early on the afternoon of December 22, Norma received from Colin this letter:—

"Dear Norma,

"After all, I shall not see you on Christmas Eve. On that day I shall sail for Buenos Aires by the B.A. Co.'s steamer Amazon. It is a business trip which was to have been taken in January by another member of the staff. I do not know why the date has been put forward, or why I am replacing the other man. I shall be away for several months and I feel as though I shall never see you again. That is a bitter thought, but perhaps the thing has happened for the best. I rather rejoice in what I hear of the Amazon — we audit the company's accounts — that she is the oldest and most poorly-appointed vessel of the fleet, and that there will be few passengers. If I cannot have the best, which is Christmas Eve with you, let me have the worst.

"I must not write more, except to say that I shall think of you on Christmas Eve and wish you a Happy Birthday and happy days ever after. Good-bye, dear Norma.—Colin Hart."

To Norma it was cruel news; but while it hurt her heart, it roused her spirit. She carried the letter to the elderly lovers in the library. They read and sympathised.

"How dare they do such a mean, wicked thing," she cried. "Couldn't they have waited till after Christmas? Oh, I

shall tell Charles what I think of his people! If I thought that he—" She broke off.

"Yes?" said Meredith softly.

"Oh, no! I mustn't think that Charles could have had anything to do with it. He is Colin's friend. I oughtn't to doubt Charles, ought I? Only it has happened so often lately that Colin has been given duties at the last moment —"

"Never mind Charles just now," said Lady Hilyard. "Bob, must Colin obey an order like this?"

"I'm afraid he must, or throw up his post without notice which, I fancy, he would consider a dishonourable act."

"It's a dishonourable act to send him at such a time and without any warning! My poor little Christmas Eve!" exclaimed Norma who, in spite of six millions, could be quite an illogical young person. "Can nothing be done to prevent or delay his going?" she asked more soberly.

Meredith shook his grey head. "If the ship sails on Christmas Eve," he said slowly, "Colin must sail with it."

"Might the ship be prevented from sailing?" she cried eagerly.

"Only by some sort of accident, Miss Norma, which we, unfortunately, cannot bring about."

"Can't we do anything to prevent its sailing?" She looked appealingly at Meredith, for whom she had already developed an affectionate regard.

He shook his head. "If the ship belonged to me," he muttered.

There was a long pause. Then from the girl came a small exclamation, and they saw her eyes brighten.

"Lady Hilyard! Mr. Meredith! I won't be beaten! I believe I can do something!"

"My dear, you can't do anything!" cried Lady Hilyard in distress. "Bob, you have said she can't. Don't let her run away with any false hopes."

"I must go and dress, and run up to town. Please forgive my leaving you for a few hours. I'm not going to be beaten!"

"Norma," cried her ladyship, "don't be rash!"

"Be as rash as ever you can," whispered Meredith.

"Bob, what is she going to do?"

"I wish I knew, Julia; but I suspect it's some sort of shopping."

The car, doing its best, took an hour to reach London. Norma spent twenty minutes with her banker in Bond Street, left him astounded and perhaps a little dazed, and was driven to the City.

What she did in the City may best be gathered from a visit to the board-room of the B. A. Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., at 11.30 on the following morning. Here were convened seven gentlemen, a majority of the board, who had been summoned by urgent messages despatched on the previous evening. Present also was the manager of the office, who had sent out the summons.

"Come, Mr. Barrett," growled a little roly-poly of a man, the chairman, "we can't wait for the others; they have probably gone away for Christmas. Let us have an explanation of the S.O.S. of yours."

The manager took a place at the big table. He held in his hand two slips.

"Gentlemen, shortly after four o'clock yesterday afternoon a young lady called at this office and asked to see me personally on urgent and private business. Assuming that she was a passenger in some difficulty, I received her. Without preface, she asked me how much money it would take to delay the sailing of the Amazon for at least two days. I replied that no money could do that, and informed her that there was sailing on the 27th, by the Green Star Line. She thanked me nicely for the information but declared that that sailing would not serve her purpose, unless our own sailing were cancelled. She then astounded me by ask-

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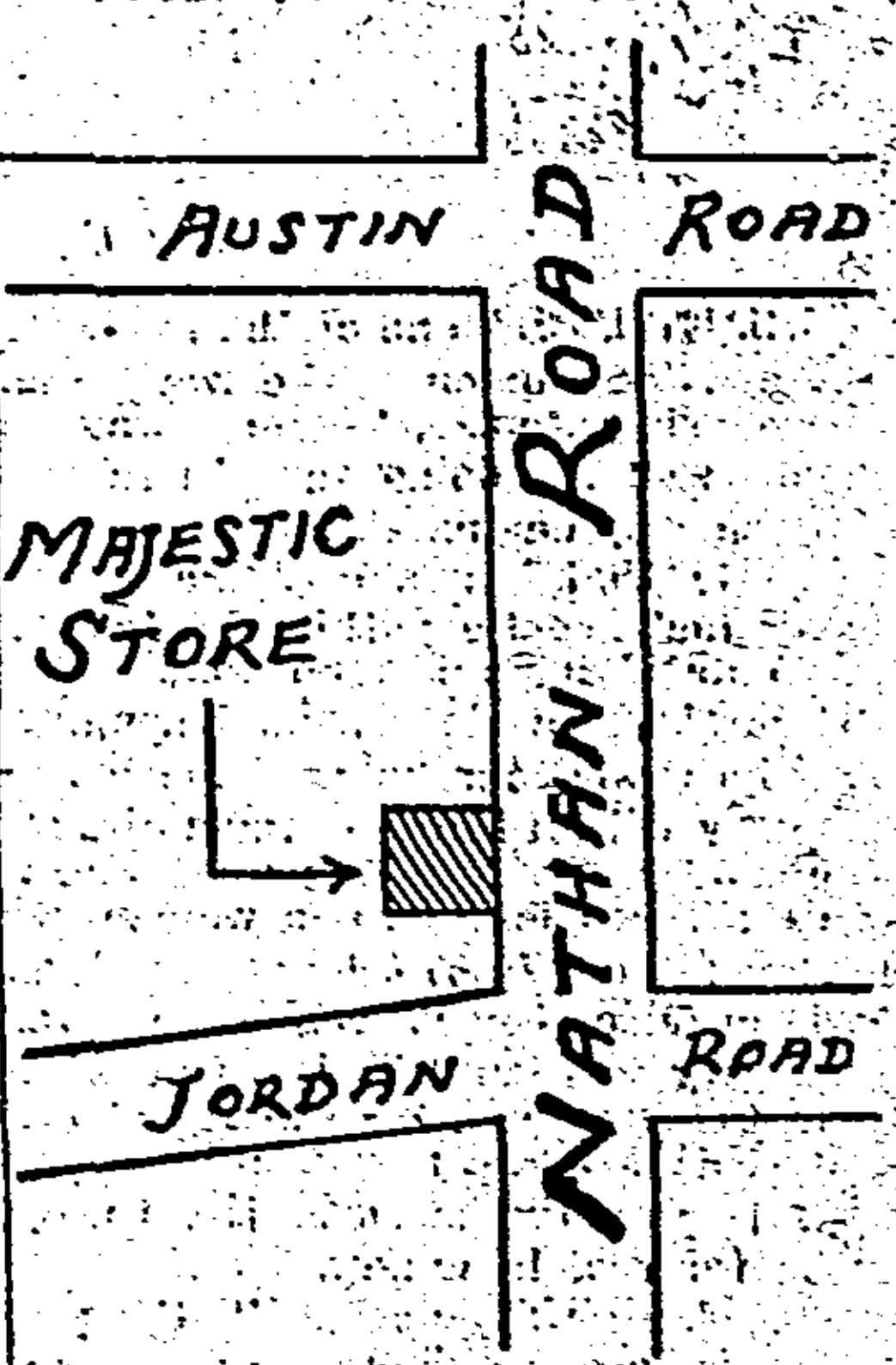


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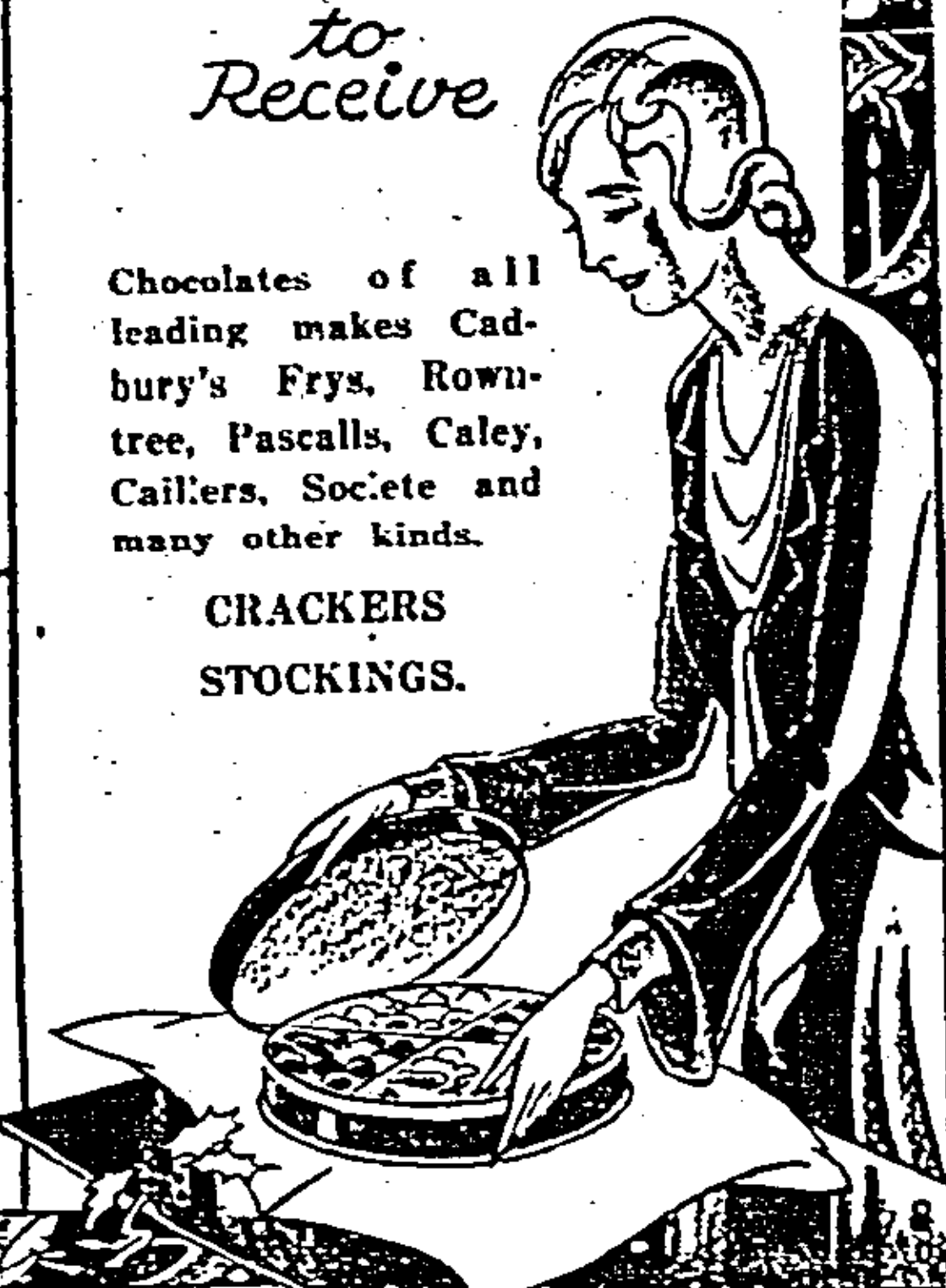


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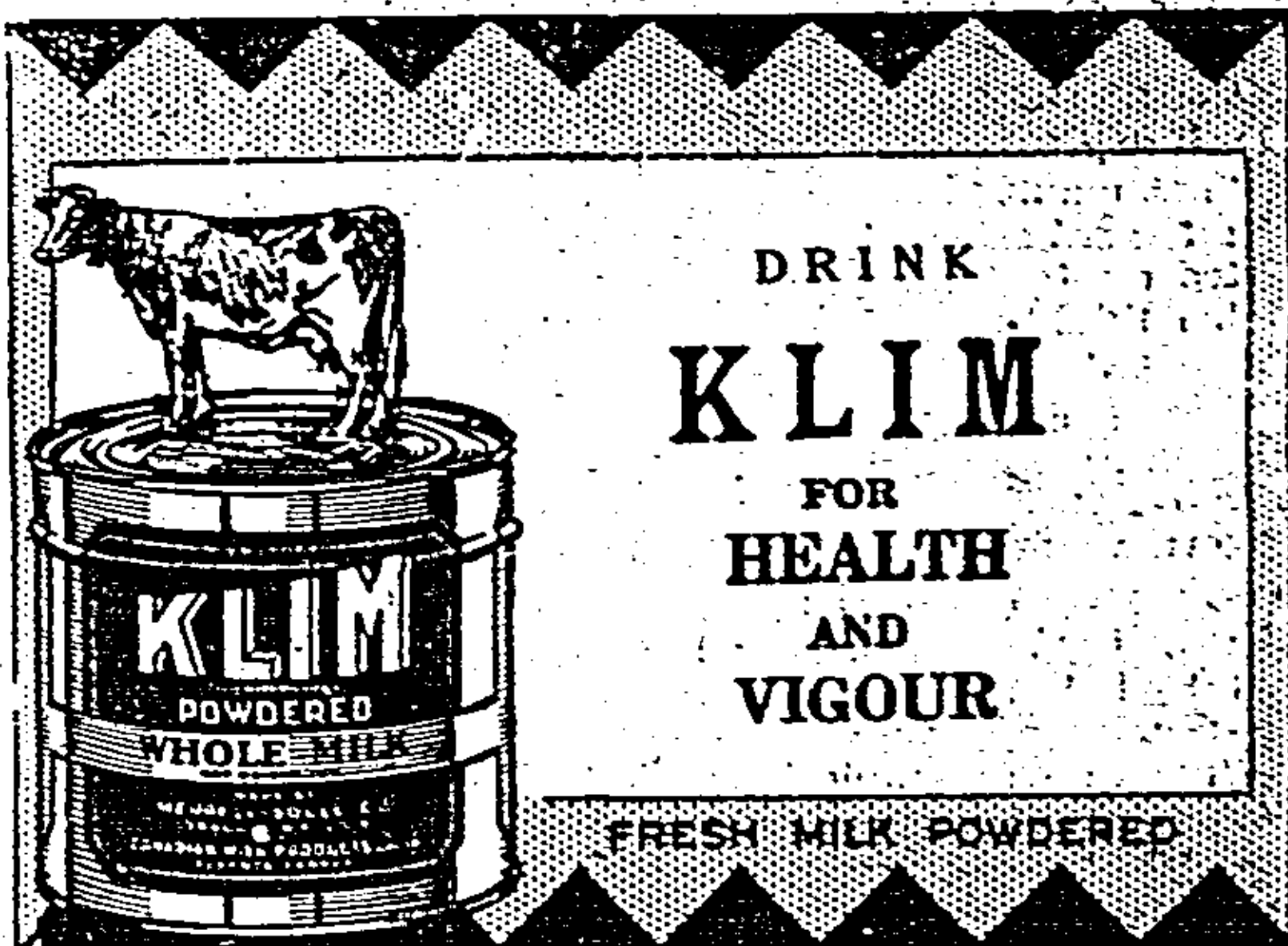
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"We are so likely to pass by these friends of ours when Christmas comes," she pursued. "We are 'rushed to death' with

the multitude of matters that draw us in the whirlpool of holiday preparation. Yet, if we take time to analyze our personal pro-



gramme, the chances are that it is indeed a too closely personal one, and that we have allowed no margin for anyone else except those of our immediate family who make a

natural claim upon this precious time of ours."

So if we think over what she said, we, too, will come to see that when we plan that part of our Christmas which is to make good times for others than ourselves, we must look beyond our regulation provision for the poor, our contribution to the local charities—these are just a regulation and necessary part of our bringing joy to others. We must look closer about us and find among those who cross our lives so frequently and so casually that we are inclined to forget them as needful of a little of our personal attention when the Christmas comes.

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ing me the price of the Amazon, the same to become her property at twelve noon tomorrow; that is, to-day."

"Mad!" muttered the roly-poly one.

"Yes, Lord Gantry," said the manager, "I was beginning to feel that way myself about the young lady. So, thinking to humour her, I jocularly informed her that she could have the Amazon for half a million pounds!"

"Good, very good!" chuckled a voice, and there was some ironic laughter.

The manager bowed and continued: "And then, gentlemen, she opened her bag, took out a cheque, asked for a pen, and wrote a cheque for the amount! And here it is."

"Absolutely cracked!" exclaimed the noble lord. "Let me see it."

"But, gentlemen, at the same time she requested me to ring up her banker, and to oblige her I did so—and the banker informed me that it was quite all right!"

"What!" shouted seven voices, and the gentlemen bounced from their seats and crowded round the holder of the cheque.

"Norma Forstallistair!" cried one. "Good Lord, she must be the daughter of Six Million Forstallistair!"

"But what on earth does she want with a ship?" cried someone.

"Why, we could build a new vessel and pay a fat dividend on the ordinary this year, and—"

"Gentlemen," pleaded the manager, "let me remind you that the lady will be ringing up for your decision within fifteen minutes from now."

"It must be done!" asserted his lordship. "In the present depression this money is a perfect windfall! Mr. Barrett, have you gone into the matter?"

"Lord Gantry, I have!" replied the manager. "Thinking it right to be prepared for a possible acceptance of the offer, I have stopped the loading: I have optionally booked berths on the Great Star boat sailing on the 27th; I have, also optionally, arranged concerning the cargo; and I have drafted a 'phone, or wire, message for all the intending passengers—only thirty-seven, fortunately—as follows: 'Owing to unforeseen circumstances—'"

"Hear, hear!" from the board. "Proceed, Mr. Barrett!"

In the next ten minutes the board discussed and decided as many details as it normally did in ten weeks, for the telephone had buzzed.

The manager took up the receiver.

"Miss Forstallistair," he said presently, and his voice shook—what wonder? He had just been voted £1,000 by way of bonus! "the Amazon is yours!"

"Thanks so much! My banker will fix everything with you, and my Christmas Eve party will be all right. Good-bye!"

Mr. Barrett repeated the message to his directors, who wondered, naturally enough. What the deuce a Christmas Eve party had to do with the case. The roly-poly chairman, however, slapped the table exclaiming: "Gentlemen, I wish we could have met her. We'll name the new ship Norma."

In the library Norma fell upon the elderly lovers.

"I've bought the Amazon, so it can't sail to-morrow!"

And then she bolted for her boudoir.

"Bob," feebly remarked Lady Hilyard, "I thought you said 'shopping'?"

"Yes, I ought to have said 'shipping,'" he returned, and became alert. "I must ring up Colin at once and tell him I've chanced to hear that the sailing of the Amazon is cancelled. Were Master Charles to learn of it first, he might pull off another trick."

"You are not going to tell Colin what Norma has done?"

"Not now; not until I have her permission."

"She will never give you that, Bob!"

"You must persuade her, Julia. I don't think it will be so difficult, now that she can be certain that Colin cares. That poor little farewell letter of his must have told her everything."

He went off to the 'phone, and before long came back looking pleased.

"All very favourable, my dear. Dennison, Senior, is laid up with lumbago or something, and Master Charles, who has gone to Manchester, won't be back at the office before the holidays, so Colin is safe from further trickery."

"Does Colin suspect trickery?"

"Don't suppose he would tell me if he did. But I have an idea that he's wondering. At first he didn't seem to realise that, after all, he would be here on Christmas Eve. Julia, you must somehow gain my permission to tell him the truth about the Amazon. Unless he gets a big shock, nothing will happen to-morrow night, or ever."

"Perhaps you are right!"

"I am—for once in a while." He took her hand. "If only I had got a big shock on Christmas Eve, thirty years ago—"

"Dear," she murmured, "let's look forward. It was my fault, too. For lack, as some old poet has said, of 'one brave word.' I'll do my best with Norma."

But when she spoke about it to Norma, Norma emphatically answered "No!"

Talking of shocks, it was a pretty severe one for Charles Dennison, who arrived just in time to dress for dinner, to see among the guests in the hall the man he had imagined as safely outward bound.

Drawing Colin aside, he asked roughly: "What the devil are you doing here?"

Whereupon Colin's cloudy suspicions took shape. "The sailing of the Amazon was cancelled at almost the last moment," he replied with restraint.

"Why didn't you wire me?"

"In the first place you had given me to understand that you had no responsibility with regard to the Buenos Aires trip; in the second place, there was nothing to be done, since there is no other sailing on the 27th—a faster ship, I believe—when, of course, I shall be prepared to sail."

"That's a question for reconsideration," snapped Charles. He turned away—and came back. "Sorry if I was ratty," he said, "but the unexpected sight of you fairly took me back. See you later."

Arrived in his room, Charles dropped upon a chair and cursed the management of the B. A. Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. Colin's absence on this night of all nights would, he had conceived, have hurt Norma, might even have offended her—girls were unreasonable!—and it would have been a simple matter to impress her with the idea that Colin, though an awfully sentimental cnap, had cheerfully undertaken the trip with a glad eye, as it were, to the main chance. Then he noticed on the small writing cabinet a telephone. He had not doubted Colin's word, yet suddenly he determined, at the risk of being late for dinner, to have it confirmed. He would ring up one of the directors of the company.

"Sorry to trouble you at this time, Mr. Darbyshire; but is it the case that the sailing of the Amazon has been cancelled?"

"It is, Mr. Dennison! H'm! Unforeseen circumstances." A chuckle.

"A strike, I suppose?"

"Not at all. Simply unforeseen circumstances. Ha, ha!"

"I'm afraid I don't grasp the idea, Mr."

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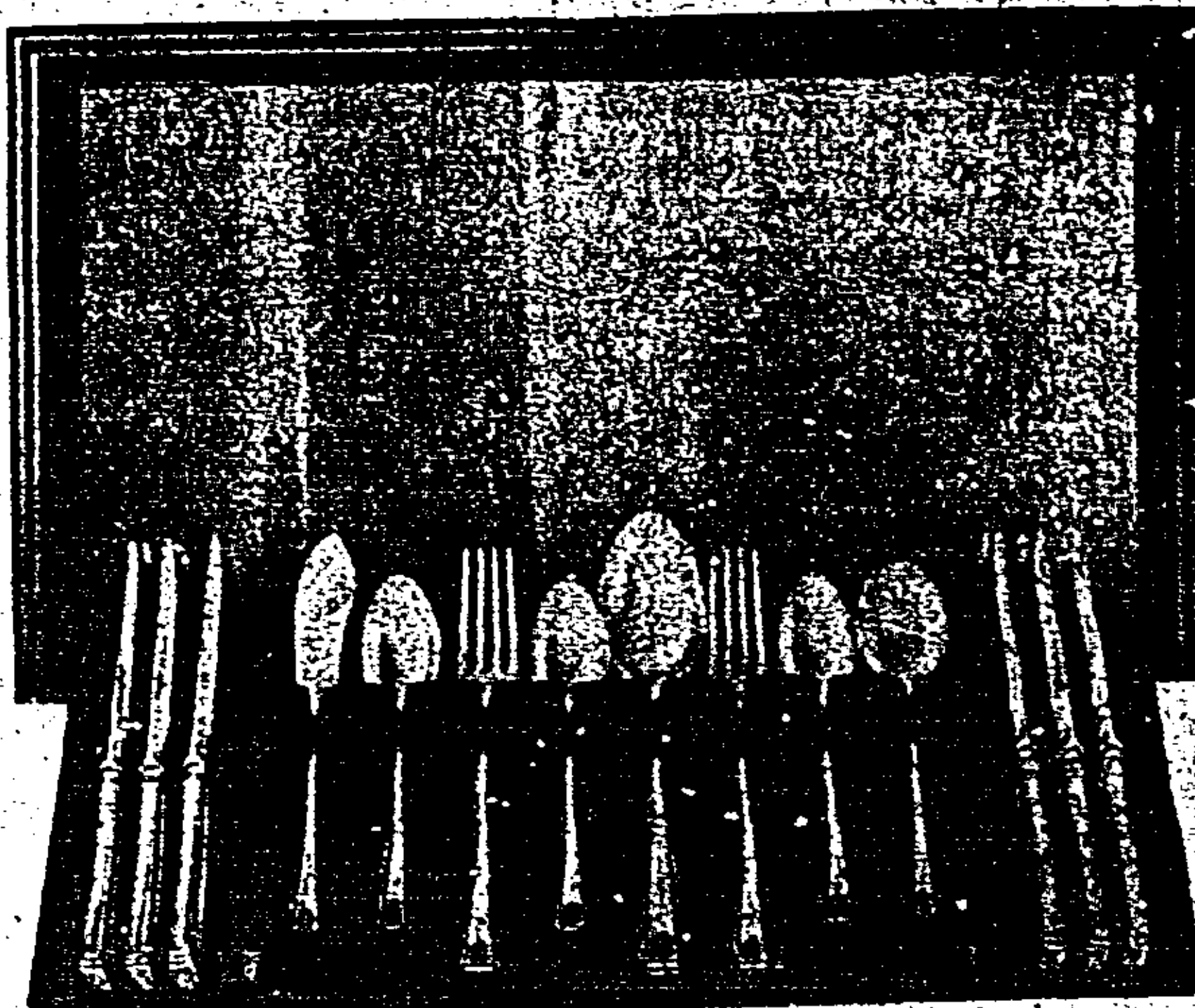
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Oliver Cresswell, bronzed and blue-eyed, shivering for lack of an overcoat, but smartly dressed in a blue lounge suit and soft grey hat, halted abruptly in his progress towards Oxford Street, thrust his gloves and stick under his left arm, and came to a momentous decision. Then he strode to the door of the house opposite which he had halted and knocked imperatively. Through no fault of his own, but because he had trusted another man too implicitly, he, a stranger in London, was homeless, at starvation-point and without a friend from whom he could hope to borrow the price of a meal and a bed. In desperation he had decided that instead of seeking a night's shelter in the porch of a church or some such place he would ask for it at the nearest house. The shape in which he would present his demand he would leave to be determined by the sex, quality and attitude of the person who opened the door.

Oliver Cresswell was a very presentable young man of excellent breeding and manners, and usually could be depended upon to do quite the right thing in the right way. That he had suddenly decided to run amok, as it were, can most reasonably be explained by the suggestion that hunger had made him somewhat light-headed. Nothing in the shape of solid, nourishing food had passed his lips for five days, and his latest meal, a

roll and butter and a cup of tea, taken eight hours before, had left him with but a half-penny in the world.

The house at which he knocked was one of a row of the solidly respectable type in a quiet street north of Cavendish Square. Its number, faded but just perceptible in the rapidly-falling dusk, was 13.

"An unlucky number," was Oliver's comment as he noted it, "but I've an idea it's going to be lucky to me." He raised his hand to repeat his attack with the knocker, but a slight noise in the hall told him that response to his first knocking was at hand.

A girl opened the door. She was really a girl, but Oliver, perhaps because of the dimness of the dying light, or mayhap the possible light-headedness already suggested, mentally described her as an angel. She was just about five feet three, but, being slim and graceful, looked taller. She was no more than nineteen years of age; her eyes were a wonderful brown, and starry, and her nose had just the right tilt and perfected an adorable mouth. Dark chestnut hair, charmingly untidy, fell low over her forehead; her face was flushed, and this, with the soft dreaminess of her eyes, suggested that Oliver's knocking had aroused her from twilight musings by a cosy fireside.

"Er — ah," said Oliver, and then, seeming to realise that if coherent speech were impossible definite action was imperative, lifted his hat from his head and stepped forward into the hallway. Surprisingly, his movement was unopposed; it was, in fact, expected.

"You are too late to catch Bob, Mr. Trowbridge," the girl said, stepping aside to make way for him. "He and father waited for you till the last moment he could

spare." She closed the door and switched on an electric light, then led the way to the room she had left at his knock. "But he left a message for you. Dad will be back in a couple of hours; he said I was to be sure to keep you until he returned."

"You'll find it an easy matter to keep me, Miss —" Oliver, who, while she spoke, was following her in a sort of blind ecstasy, found his tongue was leading him into trouble. An improvised stumble and a fumbling attempt to save his hat and stick from falling covered the abrupt halt in his speech which ignorance of the girl's name made necessary.

She switched on a light in a room on the left of the hall and stood in its doorway smiling.

"I'm Bob's sister Margery," she explained.

"Of course, I guessed that, and I was just going to say, Miss Margery, that it will be very easy to keep me until your brother returns. I'm so dog-tired that I feel I could lie down on the mat and sleep. Been travelling since yesterday afternoon, you know — no sleep, you know — never can sleep when I'm travelling."

"You poor man!" Margery's sympathetic concern made Oliver acutely remorseful for his deceit, but he felt that nothing now could turn him from his determination to have a comfortable sleep, even if it was only for an hour in an armchair.

"Take this comfortable chair; I've been sitting there watching the faces in the fire till I was nearly asleep. No, you must," (as Oliver remonstrated); "I've got lots of things to do now. I've been idling too long. Here is the note Bob left for you."

Oliver, with the note in his hand, sank
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THE GIRL WHO BOUGHT A SHIP.

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Darbyshire," said Charles stiffly.

"Well, there's no reason why you should not know, Mr. Dennison, seeing that your people will audit our books in a month or so." Another chuckle. "The old Amazon was sold yesterday to a young lady — Miss Forstallistair — for the tidy little sum of half-a-million. . . . Are you there?"

"Thanks — good-bye," said Charles thickly, and put up the receiver.

It was a blow, a smashing one. It left not a hope alive. The girl who would do that for a man was not going to be drawn away by another. He was beaten. Jealousy of Colin blazed into hate, but never had he loved Norma as he did now. He was fain to injure the man, yet he could not do that without hurting the girl.

He wrote a note to her:

"Very sorry. Phone message calls me to London. Don't want to make a fuss. Happy birthday, with all your desires. — Charles."

He wrote a second note and, after some consideration, directed it to Colin.

Then he rang the bell.

A valet came in.

"I am called away," said Charles, offering a treasury-note. "Please attend carefully. First, let the butler know immediately that I shall not be present at dinner. Second, order my car to be at the door immediately after dinner is served. Third, arrange that Miss Forstallistair has this note as she goes in to dinner. You understand that I wish to avoid fuss. Finally, this note is to be given to Mr. Colin Hart at the hour

marked on the corner. Can I depend on you?"

The man promised.

At eleven o'clock the elderly lovers were sitting in the holly-hung hall.

"We've done what we can," said Meredith. "I've pleaded, but she won't give in. He must not know. Ah, pride, pride! And Colin has no more courage than I had. Well, well, I shouldn't wonder if the wrong man gets her in the end. People say that a woman can make a man propose. I don't believe it."

"You have a wretched memory. Bob."

"H'm! You are the exceptional woman."

They looked at each other and laughed quietly. They had their own happiness, anyway, but, being generous, they were not satisfied.

From the dance-room came the two persons of whom they had been speaking, and crossed the hall.

At the door of the library a servant overtook the pair and gave Colin a note.

Colin asked permission to open the letter.

"It's from Charles — and may explain."

"Yes. I've been a little unhappy about Charles," she replied.

Colin extracted the sheet and unfolded it. Only two lines: —

"Ask Norma why she paid half-a-million for the Amazon!"

For a while Colin stared. Then the red flooded his face, and ebbed, leaving him "What is the matter?" cried the girl.

From his hand the paper fluttered.

"How could Charles know?" she exclaimed.

"Then it's true. But why — why did you?"

She sat silent, downcast.

"It isn't possible," he said at last. "I know it isn't, though if love could make it possible, mine would. Oh, Norma dear, why have you got all that money?"

The ghost of a smile flickered at her lips. Now she was not sorry he knew about the Amazon. Quietly she said: "I haven't as much money as I had yesterday, and, as Mr. Meredith says about Christmas Eve — things happening — if one really wishes. . . . Oh, Colin, don't be mean! Don't leave it all to me!"

"Norma, Norma," sighed Colin — and this time he did not draw back.

Does anyone care to know what Norma did with the Amazon?

On the tray, with his early cup of tea, on Christmas morning, Mr. Meredith found a note.

"Dear Mr. Meredith,

"You may not know it, but it was you who inspired the buying of the ship. Also you bade me be as rash as I could. And so I was, and you must take the consequences. Certain papers have been made out in your name. The Amazon is yours. If you don't like as a Christmas present, you cannot refuse it as a wedding one. A Happy Christmas to you from grateful
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TWO CHRISTMAS EVES.

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into the chair with a blissful sensation of comfort. While the girl went to the window to adjust the blind and curtains he looked dubiously and with a very guilty feeling at the note. Certainly, it was not a sealed letter, and obviously, being only a folded sheet of paper without an envelope and with a name pencilled on it, it was in no respect a private document. Nevertheless, it was not intended for him, and he found it difficult to reconcile the reading of it with his sense of decency and honour. But the only alternative was to own up to his imposture and leave the house like a whipped dog. His decision to smother his scruples and read the note was impelled finally by the vision which flashed before his mental retina of the glorious girl who had so charmingly welcomed him as her brother's friend watching him with scorn in her starry eyes as he slunk from the room and her presence. Anything rather than that. He resolved he would profit by the golden moments the gods had granted him to learn her name and talk with her awhile, and later, before her father's return made exposure imminent, if not certain, he would make some pretext for getting away, trusting that the future would provide an opportunity of meeting her in more favourable circumstances, when perhaps he could afford to tell her the whole truth of his present adventure and claim her forgiveness for imposing on her.

The superscription of the note was "Pat Trowbridge." He opened it and read:—"Dear Pat. — Have just had a hurry call from Waddon Aerodrome and may have to take a machine to France to-night. Dad is taking me to Waddon in his car, but will be back in a couple of hours. I may return with him. Anyhow, Margery will entertain you till Dad arrives. Can't wait another moment now. Looking forward to seeing you to-morrow and having a long talk. Hope you had a good voyage.—Bob."

Oliver looked up from the note to find Margery standing by the fireplace watching him. She gave him a friendly smile.

"Bob was very cut up at being called away. He'd been looking forward so much to seeing you," she said. "If he'd known just when you were arriving in London he would have met you. I'd given up expecting you when your knock startled me, but I was so sure it was you that I wouldn't let the maid open the door."

"I consider myself very lucky to have got here at all to-day," was Oliver's reply. His eyes twinkled as he reflected on the ambiguity of his words, bringing a responsive smile to the girl's face. "This morning I'd have sworn that you would not see me to-night."

He made a pretence of again reading the note. He found the situation somewhat like a jig-saw puzzle, requiring some thoughtful study before the pieces could be correctly joined together.

Obviously Pat Trowbridge, the man he was supposed to be, had been expected to arrive in London that evening after a long journey, and as his (Oliver's) statement that he had been travelling night and day had passed muster it might be taken for granted that Trowbridge was expected from the Continent. That Trowbridge might arrive at any moment was a possibility to be taken into consideration, but Oliver quickly decided that it could now be regarded as an improbability with which he need not immediately concern himself. It was clear that Margery did not know Trowbridge, but the odds were that her father did, and it was most certain that if father and son returned together his unmasking would be immediate and disgraceful. Plainly, if he were to leave the girl with plea-

sant and sympathetic memories of him his policy was to make as favourable an impression as he could in the short time at his disposal, and to leave whilst there was still time to do so with his fraud undetected. But he was determined to know her name before he left, and without delay set in train a plan to obtain it.

He looked up again from the paper, little lines of worry showing on his forehead. "I'm afraid there's very little chance of seeing Bob," he said gloomily. "It's on the cards that I'll have to leave London first thing to-morrow morning. Why couldn't the Waddon people have done without him to-night?"

Margery's face was at once full of concern.

"Bob will be terribly disappointed if he doesn't see you. Oh, I do hope you'll be able to stay to see him and spend Christmas Day with us."

Oliver was looking at a small writing-table which stood by the window, and felt well satisfied to note that there were some telegraph blanks on it.



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"Of course, I hope I shall," he said earnestly — "very much," he added, looking at her with an intent directness that made her hastily droop her lashes and flush slightly. "Perhaps I'm too much of a pessimist, though," he went on cheerily, after a moment's pause. "At any rate, it will be a good plan to send Bob a telegram. I can send it off from Charing Cross post office presently, and if he doesn't return here to-night he'll get it at Waddon first thing to-morrow morning, or directly he gets back from France, if he's gone there. Then he can come straight to my hotel, and if I'm still there we can come on here together."

"That's a ripping idea," Margery exclaimed brightly, "but" — she paused — "it doesn't mean that you'll have to hurry away now to send the telegram?"

"Oh, no, most certainly not," Oliver replied briskly and happily. "The Charing Cross office is open all night; I can leave the telegram on my way to the hotel. I wonder if you'd mind writing it for me now; I find that of late I can't write a line without getting a horrible cramp in my hand."

"How dreadful! Don't you think you ought to see a doctor about it?" The girl's voice and eyes expressed such sincere sympathy that Oliver felt almost painfully remorseful.

"I don't think it's anything serious or permanent."

"But it may be. Of course, I'll write the telegram for you if you'll tell me what to say."

Oliver rose from his chair as the girl moved towards the writing-table, and joined her there. She took a telegraph blank and pencil and looked inquiringly at him. "I'll think out the message while you write the address."

Over her shoulder he watched her write —

"Morrison, The Aerodrome, Waddon."

His jaw tensed involuntarily as he noted the name, then he dictated —

"Sorry missed you to-night. Call for me to-morrow Grand Hotel. Trowbridge."

She handed him the form, and queerly silent, staring at it thoughtfully, he returned to his armchair. Margery stayed behind tiding the writing-table.

"Morrison — Morrison," he repeated the name mentally several times. It aroused vague, elusive memories which troubled him, but which he could not pin down. Somehow, for what reason he could not tell, it was associated in his mind with acute discomfort — pain. As he repeated it it reminded him of desert spaces, fear, thirst — peril. He gave up the problem, thrust the telegraph-form in his pocket and was aware that the girl stood by his chair holding out a silver box of cigarettes.

Some of Bob's; I hope you'll like them."

Oliver would have been very sorry to have permitted anyone to know exactly how grateful he was for the cigarette Margery lighted for him. But while inhaling the first few puffs of it his enjoyment was so very evident that Margery, the dead match still between her fingers, found herself watching him as though fascinated. At the same moment she became aware for the first time that the face she had been looking at was a very drawn and weary one, pinched and with dark lines beneath the blue eyes that looked laughingly up at her. Her face took on a thoughtful expression.

"Do you know, I believe you're not only tired but hungry. You really look as if you hadn't slept or eaten for days." As she spoke she put the cigarette-box on the mantel shelf and pressed an electric bell-push.

Oliver sat upright hastily.

"Look here, Miss Morrison, you mustn't worry yourself about me," he protested earnestly. "I'll admit I just shoved my things in an hotel and came right away to see Bob, but I'll have a jolly good old supper when I get back, and it will be very curious if I don't sleep like a top to-night."

But his protest might as well have been unuttered, for Margery was speaking to the maid who answered her summons:

"Prepare a tray, Rose," she directed. "and I'll be out presently to get Mr. Trowbridge something to eat."

Then she turned again to Oliver and spoke with a charming imperiousness which her eyes betrayed as a mere assumption to cover the emotion which stirred her.

"It's not a bit of use objecting. If you don't let me have my way I'll insist on you going back to your hotel at once. Bob's hurry to get away upset our dinner arrangements, and Dad and I were going to have supper together when he gets back, but I'm not going to see you sitting there hungry for another hour or more."

To make his protest more effective Oliver rose to his feet. He was firm in his purpose to leave without further profiting by his imposition, but unfortunately a sudden dizziness made him so unsteady on his feet that his weakness could no longer be concealed.

"There, I knew," cried Margery in self-reproach, while she put out a hand to steady him. Her eyes filled and her lips grew tremulous as he sank back into his chair. "I am a perfect beast to have been so thoughtless. I'll have something ready for you before you've finished your cigarette."

Oliver threw up his hands in token of surrender as she turned on her way to the door and smiled at him. He no longer had

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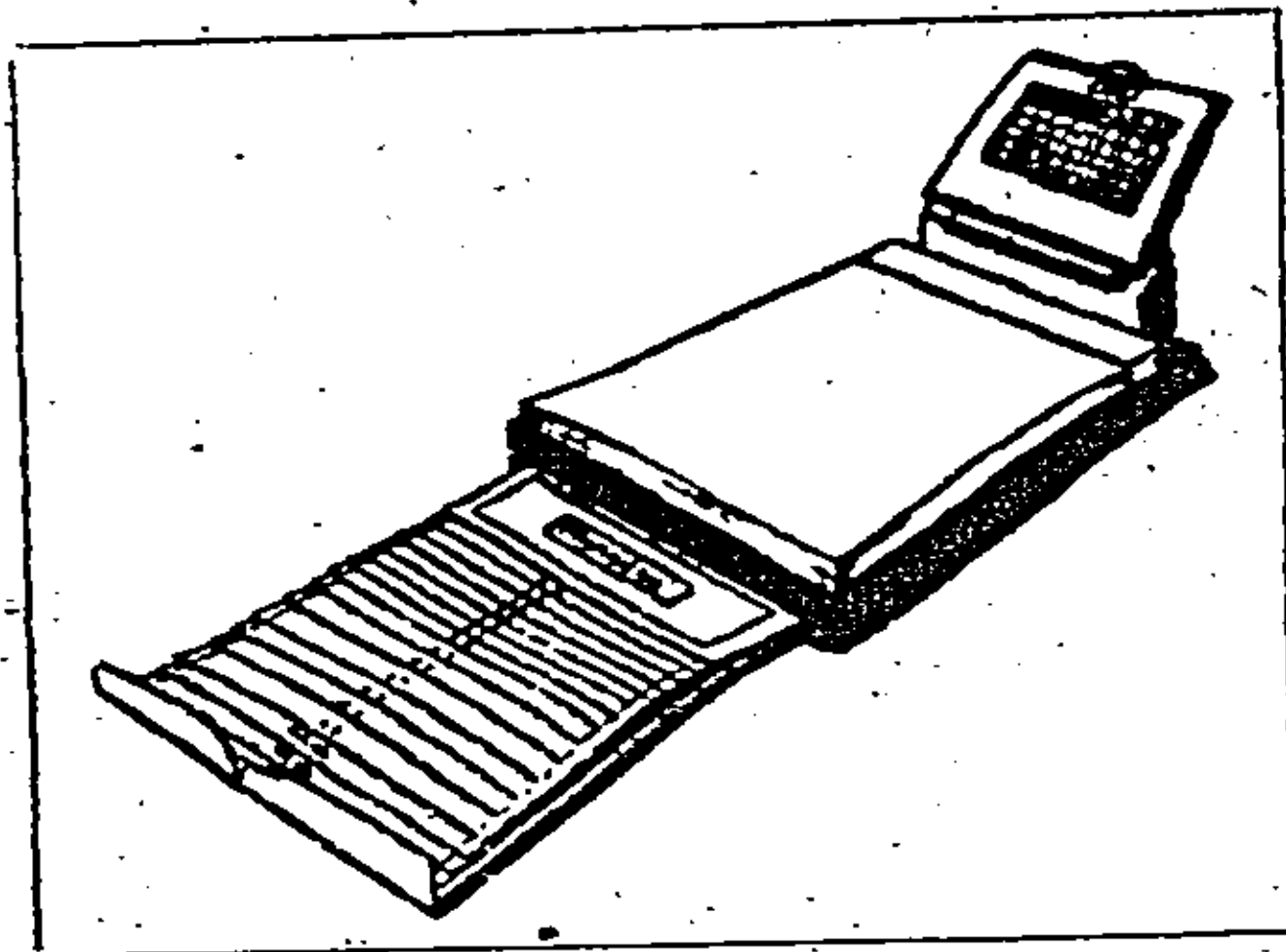
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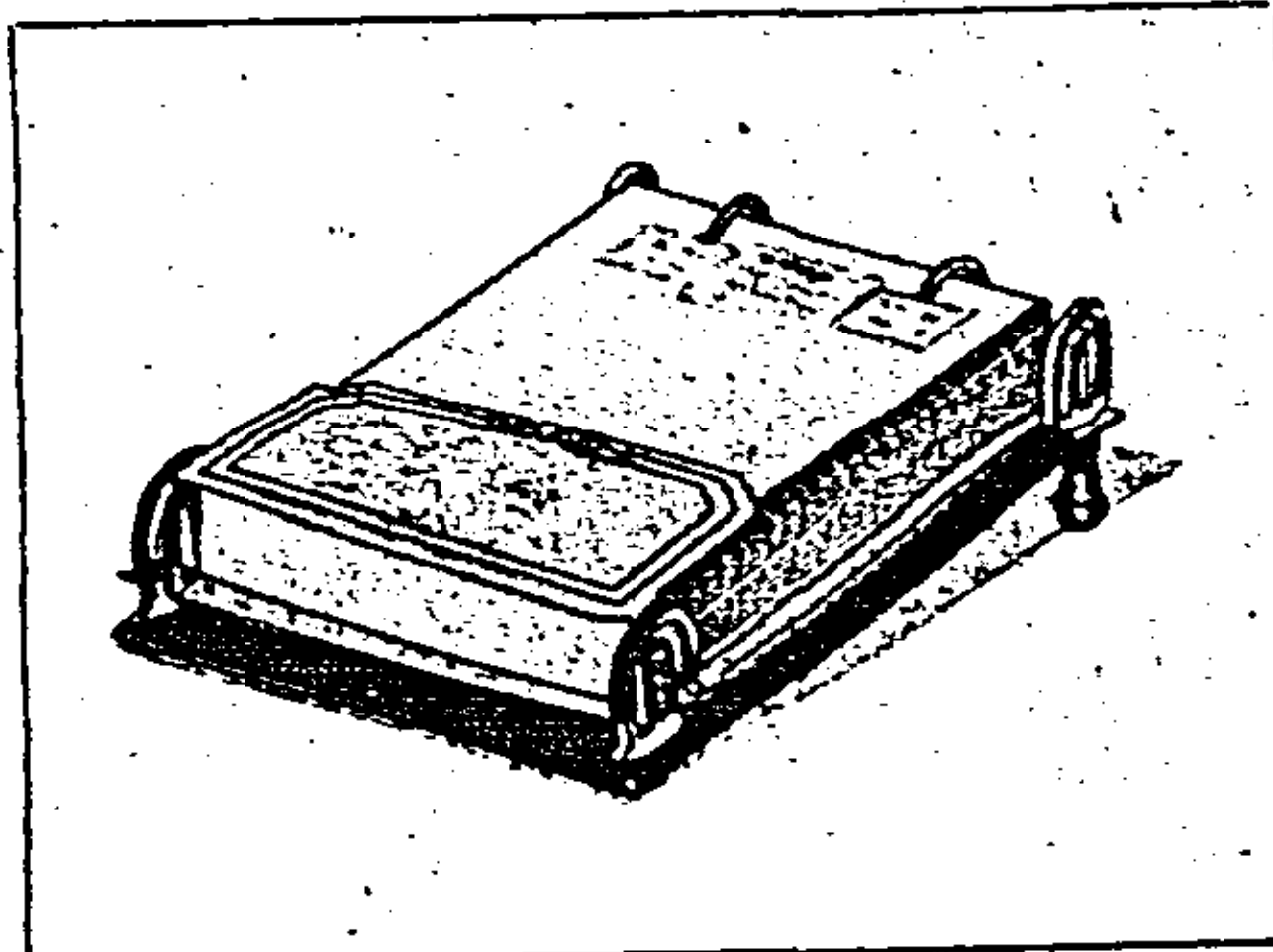
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the will to resist the offer of food, and the prospect of staying a little longer in Margery Morriston's company was too alluring to be denied. But he vowed that before an hour had passed he would be gone. To be unmasked in her presence would now be unendurable.

Soon the maid entered the room and placed a small table convenient to his chair. Presently she laid a furnished tray on the table and from it took a half-bottle of sparkling Moselle, which she proceeded to open.

Miss Margery told me to tell you, sir, that you were to drink a glass of this now," she announced, as she poured out the wine.

Oliver had not touched the Moselle when Margery returned laden with a small-tray on which were dainty sandwiches made with her own hands, and two salads, one made of tomatoes and a crisp lettuce and the other of bananas and oranges with a cream and liqueur dressing.

The meal, with Margery's company, was to Oliver like a foretaste of Paradise. Like a pair of happy children they ate, and talked, and laughed and made merry, and not until he lifted his last glass of wine to his lips — Margery had insisted on opening a second half-bottle — did Oliver realise that in the dregs of it was bitterness untold, the end of the happiest hour of his life, the beginning of misery in which privations such as he had known in the last few days would count as nothing beside the sense of irreparable loss which remembrance of his hour of joy would bring to him.

At the end of the meal Margery lighted another cigarette for Oliver, and, piling the empty plates and bottles on the tray, left the room.

Oliver, with a profound sigh, lay back in his chair on her departure, and, watching the upward curling smoke of his cigarette, told himself that he must be gone before five minutes had passed. Already he was cutting it perilously close; at any moment the hoot of Mr. Morriston's motor might signal his arrival. His fatigue and the necessity to send off the telegram to Bob would be ample excuses to Margery for leaving the house as soon as she returned to the room. His eyes closed while he was thinking out what he should say to her when she returned. The red end of his cigarette died to ashes; before it fell from his fingers or Margery returned he was asleep.

Margery saw that he slept directly she entered the room. Stepping softly past him, she picked up the fallen cigarette, moved the small table out of reach of his possible movements, switched off the light and left him sleeping in the firelight. Then

she retired to her bedroom to read until her father's arrival.

Mr. Morriston's return was so belated that Margery's look had dropped from her hands and she too slept when his hooter announced him. It was the sound of his voice in the hall that awakened her, and when she got downstairs it was to find her father had switched on the light in the firelit room and was staring with an expression in which amazement struggled with anger at the man who was sleeping so profoundly in his favourite chair.

"Who is this man, Margery?" Mr. Morriston boomed. "Is he drunk or ill?"

Margery's shocked expression had the effect of reducing the volume of her father's voice.

"Who is this man?" he repeated, but in a milder and lower tone.

"Surely you can see, Dad," Margery remonstrated. "It's Mr. Trowbridge. He's tired out with travelling, and has been waiting here all the evening for you and Bob to return."

"Mr. Trowbridge!" Mr. Morriston barked. "It's no more Mr. Trowbridge than you are. Have you been entertaining him under that impression?"

"I gave him some supper and when he fell asleep I went to my room. Surely you are mistaken. Dad, it must be Mr. Trowbridge," Margery spoke almost tearfully.

"You'll soon see if I am mistaken." He took a stride towards the sleeping man, then turned. "Let Bob in," he directed, "there he is at the door. He took the car to the garage for me."

Oliver Cresswell, soundly asleep as he was, awoke at once when Mr. Morriston's hand descended on his shoulder, and, as was his way, he awoke in immediate and full possession of all his senses. He knew at once that the tall, fierce-looking old gentleman who eyed him so threateningly was Mr. Morriston, and that the worst that could happen to him had happened, except — he looked about the room, noted that Margery was not in it, and breathed a heartfelt "Thank God for that." Then he stood up and faced Mr. Morriston.

"You are not Mr. Trowbridge, of course?" Mr. Morriston spoke with a calm mock politeness that betokened a more dangerous state of mind than his most booming outbursts.

"I am not Mr. Trowbridge," Oliver said simply.

"Then what the —?" "Cresswell! by all that's glorious. Cresswell!" The interruption came from the doorway. It was shouted in a high, glad, young voice by Bob Morriston and was followed by something that sounded very like a sob from Margery.

What followed was extraordinary. At the repetition of the name "Cresswell" the fierceness of Mr. Morriston's attitude crumpled and the anger was wiped from his face as though by a magic, invisible sponge. His hand flew out to seize Oliver's, but too

late, for Oliver had collapsed into his chair as though shot and lay there huddled up, shoulders quivering. Margery sat suddenly on a near-by chair and began biting hysterically at her handkerchief. Bob Morriston only seemed capable of intemperate movement and speech. He dashed across the room and sank on one knee beside Oliver's chair, and while he knelt, and with one caressing arm round the man in the chair, looked up at his father and talked volubly. To his father and Margery what he told was an old story, but the telling of it was always new to them and never more welcome than now.

"It's Cresswell, Dad, you remember my telling you about Cresswell. That Christmas Eve when I was shot down over a Mesopotamian desert and Cresswell, his observer killed and himself badly wounded, plucked me down and, under fire, picked me out of my machine and carried me back to our lines in his. Except for one day in hospital, when we were both convalescent, I've not seen him till to-night. I'd almost given up hope of ever finding him."

"But why did he pretend to be Trowbridge?" Mr. Morriston looked helplessly from his son to his daughter.

To Margery intuition, and the memory of Oliver's drawn haggard face and his rapturous joy in the cigarette she had first lighted for him, gave something like understanding.

"I think we had better leave Bob and Mr. Cresswell together now, Dad," she said. "They will probably have a great deal to talk about."

"I believe you are right, daughter," Mr. Morriston replied with great soberness, and walked to the door. Margery joined him there, but before closing the door behind her she ventured one glance backward and saw that Cresswell had raised his head and that he and Bob were silently gripping hands. She hid a smile and wiped away a tear with her very much rumpled handkerchief.

THE DUTCH "SANTA CLAUS."

Just as we look forward to our Christmas Day, which we celebrate on December 25, so the little Dutch boys and girls look forward to their St. Nicholas Day, which they keep on December 5. St. Nicholas was a Bishop who was chosen in the Middle Ages to be patron saint of Amsterdam. He was supposed to reward good little-children for their goodness, and to punish bad little children for their badness! But he hardly ever had any punishing to do, everyone was good when St. Nicholas Day came round. Little Dutch boys and girls still believe that the good saint appears every December 5 in the evening, and leaves toys in the shoes which are set out invitingly to attract his attention as he passes.

St. Nicholas Day is very much like our own Christmas Day. Everyone gives everyone else presents, and there is much merry-making. But in Holland they give their presents in a very quaint way. It is not considered right to send a plain parcel with the recipient's name written clearly upon it and your own name on a little card inside. You have to disguise your writing, and you have to fold the present in lots of different wrappers, sometimes putting a different name on each until the person for whom it is intended finds his own name on the last wrapper of all! Then you send a tiny present, like a small brooch or a ring, wrapped in stocks of paper and packed in a band-box!

THE DESCENT OF MAN.

(With Apologies to Darwin)
There was a New-rich—not a Jew—
That once took his wife to the Zoo,
As they stared at the shapes
Of those horrible apes,
She said, "Montague dear, how like you!"



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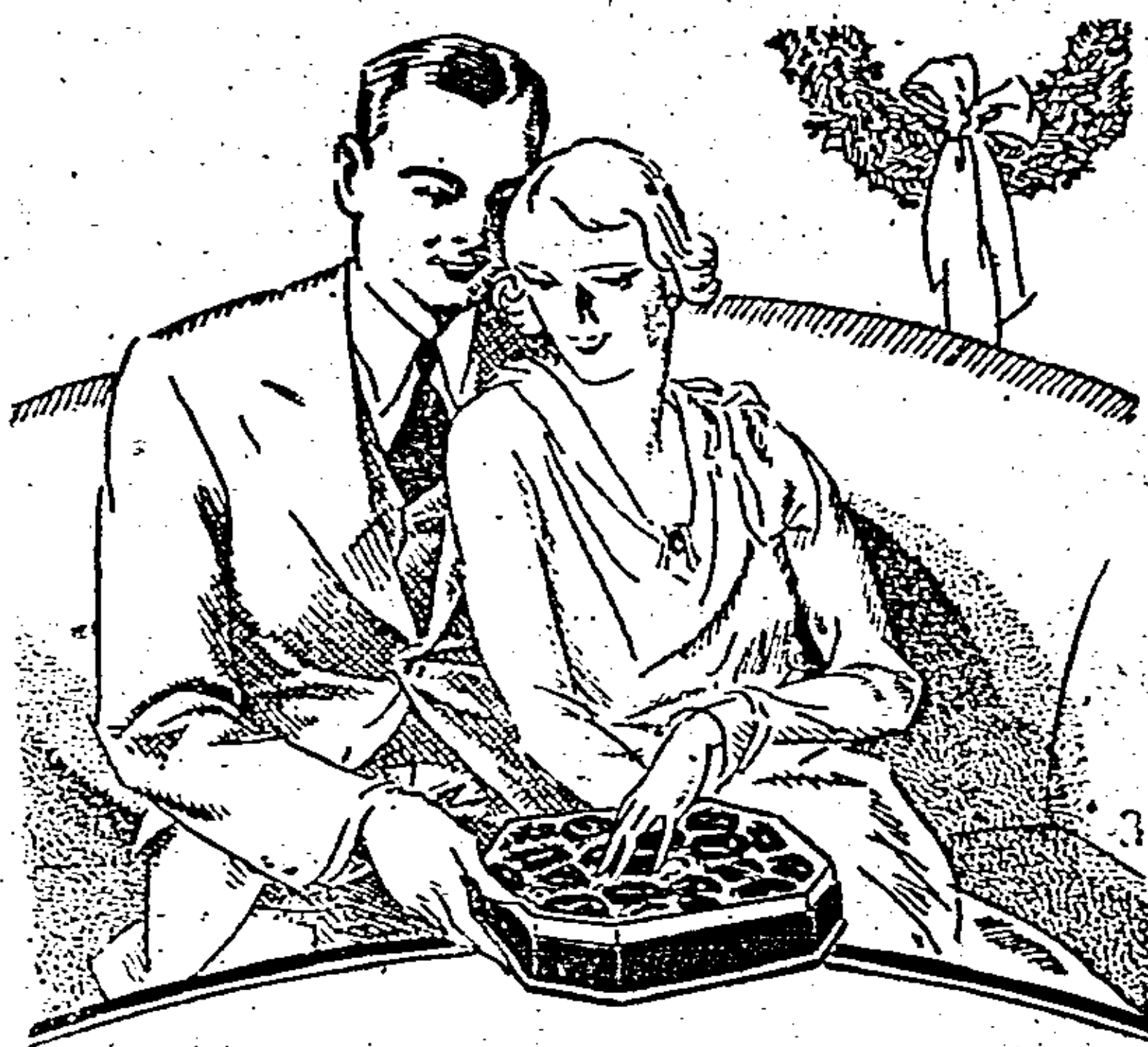


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Spectres Who "Keep Christmas."

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OF spectres that are said to haunt many of our ancient homes there are not a few who rarely fail to make their appearance at Yuletide — to look on, no doubt, with envious eyes at the feasting and revels of their successors in the flesh.

For many a century Hilton Castle was said to be haunted at Yuletide by the "Cauld Lad" — an old-time scullion, who amused himself by breaking crockery and flinging pewter dishes in all directions.

One Christmas Eve a scullery-maid stayed up late in order to taste surreptitiously the plum-puddings in the larder. She extracted a plum here, and chipped off a tasty morsel there. Suddenly the hall clock struck the midnight hour, and a little figure, in scarlet cloak and green hood, appeared.

"Ye taste," it cried, "and ye taste; but ye never gi'e the Cauld Lad a taste!"

In the days of the flesh this impish ghost had been Roger Skelton, a Castle servant, who was brutally murdered by his master in a mood of rage; and it is eloquent of his forgiving nature that his revenge has taken such a harmless form as playing antics with the crockery.

Tamworth Castle is the possessor of two ghosts who, it is said, never fail to appear at Christmas — a "White Lady," who promenades the terrace, arrayed in glistening robes which shimmer in the moonlight; and a "Black-robed Lady," whose haunt is the ancient staircase leading from the royal bedchamber to the tower.

At Haddington Court you may see a garden avenue, known as "Lady Wintour's Walk," along which, at Yuletide, the ghost of Lady Wintour, wife of one of the Gunpowder Plot conspirators, is said to promenade. It was while walking in this avenue during her lifetime that she heard the laws of her husband's capture.

For three centuries the spirit of Lady Bothwell has visited Woodhouselea, the home from which she was driven on Christmas night, 1568, by the brutal Regent Moray, to wander, half-clad, with her infant in her arms, until death brought release. And the ghost of Lady Jane Grey is said to drive round the grounds of Bradgate House, in Leicestershire, every Yuletide, in a phantom carriage drawn by four spectral grey horses.

Strange and terrifying tales are told of the ghosts that gather in Glamis Castle, that grim Forfarshire home of the Earls of Strathmore, at Christmas-time — of a bearded man who flits about at night and hovers over the beds of sleepers; of pale faces that peer through the windows and vanish to an accompaniment of shrieks; of sounds of hammering "as if somebody was putting up a scaffold." And these are by no means the greatest of the castle's terrors.

A lady guest at the castle awoke one Christmas night to hear the moving of a soft body over the floor of her bedroom, and the crack of a bony joint, and then to see the outline of something "luminous and horrid."

"Slowly," she said, "the thing, whatever it was took shape. A body, tawny and hunched, arms long and spidery, a large and terrible head covered with a tangled mass of grey hair, a face white and staring, pig-like in formation, malevolent in expression."

"As I stared at it aghast it reared itself on its haunches and leered hideously at me. Then, shuffling forward, it rolled over and lay sprawled out like some ungainly turtle. At this juncture the hands of the door turned, someone entered, there was a loud cry, and the whole tower, walls and rafters, rang with the most appalling screams I have ever heard."

Newstead Abbey, the ancient home of the Byrons, is credited with a galaxy of ghosts, who appear at Christmas-time. Among them are the sister of the fifth Lord Byron, who has been seen again and again taking spectral rides with her brother on dark and stormy nights, vainly imploring him to forgive her; and the "Goblin Friar," who takes his nightly walks in the cloisters and halls.

A remarkable ghost story is that of the Spectre Horseman of Wyecoller Hall.

The apparition is supposed to be the ghost of one of the Cunliffes who, in years gone by, is said to have murdered his wife. Once a year, at Christmas-time, he re-visits the scene of the tragedy.

He is attired in the costume of the early Stuart period, and the trappings of his horse are of a most uncouth description. On the evening of his visit the weather is always wild and tempestuous. There is no moon to light the lonely roads, and residents

of the district do not venture out of their cottages.

When the wind howls its loudest the horseman can be heard dashing up the road at full speed, and after crossing the narrow bridge he stops at the door of Wyecoller Hall. He dismounts and makes his way up the broad oaken stairs into one of the rooms of the house. Dreadful screams are heard, which soon subside into groans. The ghostly horseman then makes his appearance at the door, remounts his steed, and gallops off up the road by which he came.

At his old terrestrial home, Lowther Hall, the "bad Lord Lonsdale, a terror to the neighbourhood when living, has been a terror since his death, especially at Yuletide. "When placed in his grave his lordship's power of alarm," a chronicler says, "was not interred with his bones. At night he was constantly seen racing through the country in his phantom coach, drawn by six furiously-galloping spectral horses. There were constant disturbances in the Hall and noises in the stables, and neither man nor animal was suffered to rest. The Hall became almost uninhabitable on account of the dead man's pranks; and out of doors he was for a long time almost equally dreaded, as even there, there was a constant danger of encountering the miscreant ghost."

Of the ghost which was said to haunt Four Oaks Hall the following extraordinary story is told. Elizabeth Pudsey, of Langley Hall, married the owner of Four Oaks and died about 1742. But attached to her death is a mystery of mysteries, inasmuch as neither the date of her death nor the place of her interment has ever been discovered. It may be presumed that it was the ghost of this lady that haunted the Hall, which view was strengthened when the building was demolished and the workmen employed discovered a portion of what they took to be the remains of a human being bricked up in what appears to have been a closed window in the servants' hall. This was regarded at the time as a possible solution of the lady's disappearance and a satisfactory explanation of the haunting. Alas! however, for romance, the remains were those not of a human being but of a calf. Thus, not only was one mystery unsolved, but another was created. How came the calf to be bricked up in such an unusual situation?

HOUSEKEEPING 100 YEARS AGO.

ACCORDING to a departmental head of one of our largest stores there is a great revival this year of home-made Christmas puddings and mincemeat. This is indicated by the orders for fruits, almonds, and also for the basins which, by the way, are often of a decorative character.

The flat-dwellers are among the chief supporters of the ready-to-serve puddings and mincemeats, for Christmas cookery requires a fair-sized kitchen.

New Year's Day Revels.

The vogue of home-made festive fare has led to a demand for old-time recipes. Some of the best come from English country houses, where the same formula has been used for generations.

The two following recipes, for instance, come from an old Manor House near Northallerton, Yorks, where they were in use in 1835 and possibly at a much earlier date.

"Tenantry and villagers had dinner in

the old dining-hall on New Year's Day," writes a correspondent of the Woman's Page who belongs to the family, and has treasured the old recipes.

"Plum pudding, mince pies, apple pies with cheese and cake followed roast beef, goose, and boiled legs of mutton. The pudding was prepared some weeks before wanted, as follows:

"1lb. fine breadcrumbs, 1lb. best flour, 2lb. kidney (beef) suet, 2lb. currants, 2lb. fine raisins, weighed after being stoned, 1½lb mixed candied peel, two good sprigs of preserved Jamaica ginger cut in fine shreds, 2oz. sweet almonds, 1 doz. bitter almonds, scalded, skinned, and chopped fairly fine, the grated rinds of two lemons, one nutmeg grated, half-dessertspoonful of mixed clove and mace, one heaped teaspoonful of salt, 1lb best brown sugar, 16 eggs, 1 wine-glasses brandy.

"Mix all dry ingredients well together, beat in eggs, and lastly the brandy. Cover in bowl and allow to stand twenty-four hours. Then in strong cloth, scalded and floured, spread over bowl the right size of

pudding.

"Pour in, tie tightly, allow space to swell, but not too much, or it will break. Boil (better steamed) six hours. Hang in airy place till wanted, then steam two hours. Serve with brandy sauce and blazing brandy over."

Mincemeat That Keeps.

The mincemeat recipe is as follows:

1lb minced cooked undercut of sirloin of beef (this of later years is generally left out), 2lb best stoned raisins, 2lb beef kidney suet 2½lb currants, two good firm apples, 2½lb sugar, ¾lb mixed candied peel, chopped finely, the grated rinds of two lemons, and two lemons boiled and chopped and pips removed, two small nutmegs grated, a dessertspoonful of salt, large teaspoonful of ground mace, rather more of powdered ginger, four or five crushed macaroons, 2oz sweet and half dozen bitter almonds, blanched and chopped finely.

Mix all very well; then pour over a cupful of sherry and a cupful of brandy. Stir well, leave some hours to soak, and press into jars. Cover closely.



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A Vision of New Jerusalem

THE passenger from Tierra del Fuego, who had landed at Plymouth, looked out of the train window and murmured, "Same old English weather!"

It was misty, dank, overcast weather. Natural enough, for the day was Christmas Eve (in the year 1941). Yet, somehow, the dullness didn't seem to the returned Briton as depressing as he once felt it.

Perhaps it was because the porters at Plymouth had been so cheerful. "How do you like working on a National Railways?" he inquired of the man who examined his ticket (the silly practice of clipping had been done away with).

"Fine," said the examiner. "We like to feel we're in the service of the nation, not piling up profits for private people."

The traveller put the same query to the engine-driver, and got much the same answer. There was a live, alert look about all the railway men, a look of responsibility, of self-respect.

Perhaps, too, the altered landscape he looked out on had something to do with his cheerfulness, in spite of the weather.

Instead of the interminable grass fields, the vast stretches of country uninhabited and desolate; the infrequent farmhouses, the villages few and far between, there was cultivation everywhere, there were dwellings everywhere, villages followed one another in quick succession.

The South-Western part of England had come to life since the traveller left his country ten years before. He stared at the changes bewildered.

"This is marvellous," he muttered, "marvellous!"

The man sitting opposite heard and leaned forward.

"You're marvelling at the speed we're making, I suppose," he said in a friendly tone. "These electric trains certainly do slip along. We should never have got them under the antiquated directorates of private enterprise days."

"No," the other replied, "it wasn't that. I was struck all of a heap by the change in the country-side."

"Been away long?" asked his new acquaintance.

"Just ten years."

The new acquaintance nodded several times.

"Yes, yes, of course, you must notice a great difference. And you'll notice other differences, too. It isn't the same country as it was ten years ago."

"I've gathered something of that; but I've been in a very out-of-the-way spot. Is — is London much the same as it was?"

"Well, I don't know that it looks a great deal changed, except that you don't see any private cars in the streets."

"What, people too poor to have cars?"

"Oh, dear, no; but they became a nuisance, so now they can't run in the busy parts, only public vehicles. Oh, yes, and there's another thing you'd notice. No beggars, no poor old women selling matches, no young men singing or playing organs by the kerb. No one need beg now, so no one's allowed to."

"And the shops, are they just what they used to be?"

"Ha! I was forgetting them. No, indeed, they are not. The biggest store now belongs to the London Co-op. Takes up nearly half Regent Street. Thousands of shops that Co-op. has got. See them everywhere."

"Do you mean the society that used to run those nice-looking grocers, very clean and tempting?"

"That's it. Biggest business in the world they've got now. Well, you can't wonder at it, can you? If we can do things for ourselves, we should be mugs to let

profiteers do them for us and get rich in the process."

"But I suppose the big industries remain in private hands? Coal, I mean, and cotton and wool, and iron and steel?"

"Oh, Lord, no, not so far as control goes! We couldn't afford to go on with that. They'd made such a hideous mess of everything. The coal mines were taken over by the nation at a knock-out price."

"Now, most of the coal is turned at once into oil or gas or electricity. You aren't allowed to burn it raw, in open grates or furnaces — filthy practice — shockingly wasteful too."

"Textile mills are still owned by the old shareholders, but their capital had to be written down by half, and they only get a fixed 3½ per cent. on their money. Iron and steel works have been taken over by a



Karen Morley, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer player, makes a beautiful Christmas picture framed through the window of her California home.

big public corporation, something like the B.B.C., or the Central Electricity Board."

"And all these people on the land, did the Government put them there?"

"The Government? Oh, you mean those chaps at Westminster. No, no, we don't look to the Government to do much in that way."

"It's true they did control imports of wheat and barley and other things, and at once there was a rush for land. It could be got easily, because a law had been passed that any of it which wasn't being used could be put up for public sale at an agricultural price by any local authority."

"Co-op's started big farms—huge ones with dozens of villages on them. At the same time, any number of small proprietors started in."

"But I thought this was a Socialist country. That isn't Socialism."

"No, some of the old-timers raised a howl at the time. But what does it matter? An ounce of practice is worth a mountain of theory. All we ask now about anything is: 'Does it work well?' If so, it's quite Socialist enough."

"I see. And have you really got rid of unemployment?"

"Oh, I wouldn't say that. There are unemployed still." (The speaker smiled.) "Children under fifteen, folks over sixty, and here and there you find some relic of

the past living by owning, as such a lot of people once did, just existing on interest which is all fixed now and, for those who don't work, very heavily taxed. But, practically speaking, everybody works. If they didn't they'd starve, and get no sympathy either."

"So you think, on the whole, it's a better Britain than it was—in 1931, say?"

"I most certainly do. We aren't perfect by a long way, but we've got rid of idlers; we've got rid of deference to titles and riches—because there aren't any of either; we give every child that's born a fair chance to be healthy and wealthy—wealth to us means enjoyment of life."

"No little girls are told they mustn't skip because they've only one pair of shoes and no chance of getting others if they wear out. No child is told he can't have a penny for milk at school because his mother hasn't got it—I recollect hearing of that just before Christmas in 1931. Oh, they were terrible days, those!"

"And all this in ten years. How did you manage it so quickly?"

"Well, it was the idea of 'Each for all and all for each' that seemed to get hold of everybody. That broke down the barriers between classes and the absurd fear of change that had haunted the country."

"We tried all sorts of experiments (oh, yes, some of them failed, of course—then we tried something else). We made up our minds that it was 'all the people' who mattered most, and not a few here or there."

"We believed in each other, and that helped us to—well, to love each other, to feel we were all comrades, and not we only, but all the people in the world, and somehow in that spirit you can do anything."

He had dropped his voice. The train was running into a station. He gathered up his belongings.

"In fact, we learnt," he went on, standing up and talking rather low, "that the message of Christmas was something to live by, that Jesus really meant what He said and not what the Churches tried to make out, and that's the secret of it all."

"That's why we keep Christmas with more meaning than it used to be kept. To us it's really His birthday. Good-bye. I wish you every happiness."

He was gone and—I woke up! But we can make 1941 like that if we choose.

A HARBINGER OF CHRISTMAS

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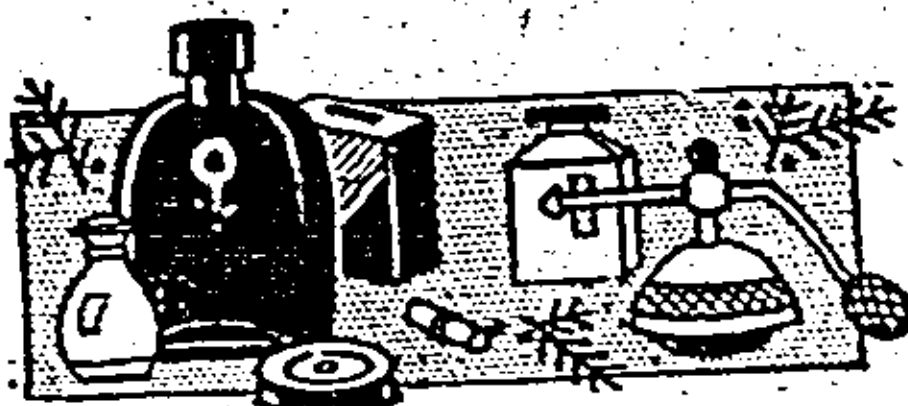
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Hidden Treasure

TO millions of children, not only in our own Empire, but in many a foreign land, such as Germany, Holland and Belgium, the Christmas Stocking is perhaps the greatest of Yuletide anticipations and delights, all the more fascinating as it is enveloped in so much mystery.

And it is right that it should be so; for its originator was, it is said, none other than the great St. Nicholas himself or Santa Klaus, as the Dutch call the Saint. According to Naogengus, the versifier of ancient customs:—

And if tradition is to be believed, a stocking was the favourite hiding-place for the Saint's largesse.

"A Great Big Stocking."

Of one Christmas stocking the founder of a well-known store tells a very pretty and romantic story.

One day a stranger called to see him—on the 23rd of December—and asked him, if possible, to prepare "a great big stocking" for his daughter who was ill, and to have it ready by Christmas morning. It was to contain a large doll, dinner and tea-sets, a cooking-stove and pots and pans, several articles of doll's furniture, and a box full of doll's clothes.

That evening, although they were overwhelmed with work, the stocking was made on the premises. It was covered in blue satin, trimmed with silver tinsel and tied with blue ribbons; and, as it was too late to be delivered by one of the carts, it was determined that the child should not be disappointed. So on Christmas Eve, the great shopkeeper himself got out of his car, drove to business premises and secured a Father Christmas wig and cloak. These he placed in the car with the great blue satin stocking, and a little after one a.m. on Christmas morning he astonished the night porter at the hotel by driving up arrayed as Santa Claus. (He had donned the wig and cloak as he neared his destination), and asking for the number of little Miss _____'s room, sent up a telephone message to her father's room.

In a few minutes Daddy appeared, arrayed in his dressing-gown, and apparently recognised the visitor in spite of his disguise. "Bless you, he said, 'I thought you'd forgotten all about us!'" They went to the little one's room together, and her father woke her up just as the strange "Santa"

was about to disappear through the door, and told her to blow a kiss to Father Christmas, who had just brought her the beautiful big stocking.

Not Only To Children.

But it is not only to children that the Christmas stocking brings delight and surprise. Only last year a young lady awoke on Christmas morning to find a stocking attached to the rail at the foot of her bed. It was, as she quickly guessed, the Yuletide gift of a man who had won her heart, and whose heart she felt sure she had won, but who had never summoned up courage to put his fate to the test of a proposal.

It was with eager fingers that she opened the stocking, full of curiosity to explore its contents. One by one she extracted a small box of chocolates, a box of Turkish cigarettes and a microscopic vanity bag. Then at last, when her heart sank at the thought that not even a word of greeting was within, she found in the "toe" of the stocking a tiny casket wrapped in a half-sheet of paper.

As she read the contents of the paper she discovered that the long-delayed offer had come at last. And on opening the casket she found a beautiful diamond engagement ring.

Small But Costly.

No less delightful was the experience of a young lady who, on Christmas morning three years ago, received a "lucky stocking" from her fiancé in the foot of which she found one of the most costly and beautiful crackers ever made. In size it was insignificant, for it was little longer than the palm of her hand—its actual length was just over four inches; but its cost was £500.

It consisted of a tiny sheaf of wheat fashioned so cunningly of pure gold that its modelling by one of the most skilful of goldsmiths was the work of six months; and in the centre was concealed a ring set with pearls of the most perfect shape and purity.

The three daughters of an American millionaire had, as one of them said, "the duckiest surprise of their lives" when on Christmas morning last year, among the contents of their stockings each found a small golden casket bearing her pet-name in brilliants.

On opening the caskets each revealed a cracker of lace-edged silk, which, beautiful

as it was, was in disappointing contrast to the gorgeous casket which held it. On opening the cracker, however, there blazed forth dazzling lights from a coiled necklace of diamonds of the purest water, the cost of which was said to be at least £1,000.

Poor Lace Maker's Luck.

But perhaps the most romantic of these stories is that of M^{lle}. Rosalie Montobodial, a poor lace-maker of St. Didier-la-Seaube, a Department of Haute Loire. She hung up one of her stockings at the foot of her bed, little dreaming what a revolution this simple act was to work in her life.

On awaking on Christmas morning she opened her stocking to find the usual presents from her parents and her brothers and sisters; and, last of all a small slip of printed paper with the message attached:—"All I have to give you. May it bring you good luck!" signed by a friend, "Sophie Carlier."

The paper, Mademoiselle saw, was a ticket in a Christmas Lottery, and she smiled with pleasure at the kind thought as she folded the ticket up and put it in her purse.

A few days later she chanced to see the result of the lottery in a local paper; taking the ticket out of her purse, she was amazed and delighted to find that the ticket from which she had hoped nothing had actually won a prize of a quarter of a million francs.

ROOM FOR BOTH SIDES.

THERE is the secular side to Christmas and there is the spiritual side, and there is room for both this Christmas. These times of ours make it difficult to keep in mind always that the significance of Christmas as the greatest feast day of the year in the church calendar, is the real pivotal point of all this defence that we give to Christmas and all the importance in which we hold it.

We, in our churches especially, have not been so careful to emphasise that fact, for we have yielded more and more to the secular side of the season. We have let the entertainment side of Christmas slip in and banish the beauty and the moving spiritual sense of the season that only the religious observance can create. We have surrendered to personal convenience, and many churches we have come to try and make a Christmas service, over and done for days before the Day of Days itself ever arrives, suffice for that recognition of it.

And so, in this season, we are going to see that we who are influential in the churches offer a fitting and timely opportunity for people to invite their own individual spirits to keep Christmas in the true atmosphere. For the individual, as well as for the family, Christmas is incomplete without the Christmas music in the churches, and the impressive service.

WHAT ARE WE?

We are a score, nay, sometimes more,
Within a cave reside;
Though seldom 'tis we disagree,
We often do divide.
If we fall out, there is no doubt
We ne'er shall meet again;
Both boy and girl our worth can tell,
Though oft we cause them pain.
In white array the ladies gay
In mirth will often show us;
From what is said, we are afraid,
You will too quickly know us.
Answer: Teeth.



When the north winds blow up the snows and the sleigh bells call one from the hearth-side—the time is at hand to don one's wintry sports togs. Marjorie King, M.-G.-M. player, shows a boyish type of costume—appropriate for skiing or skating or tobogganing, but not appropriate for Hong Kong.

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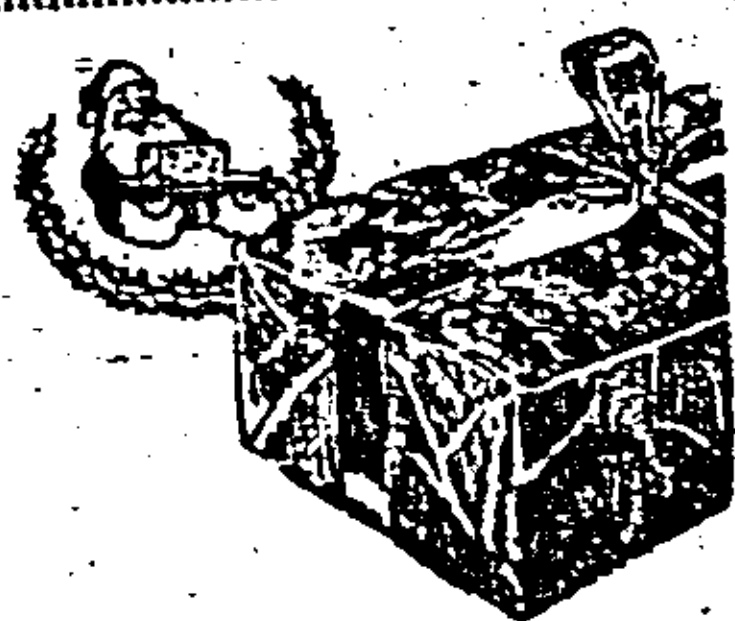


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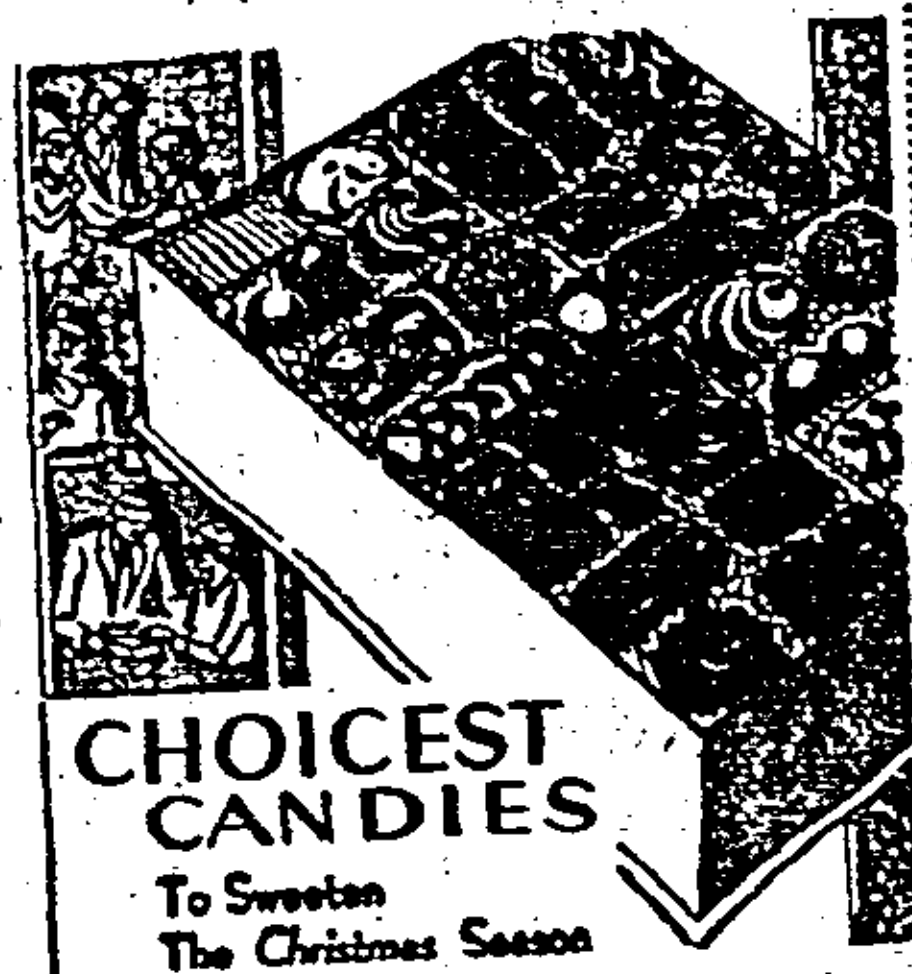
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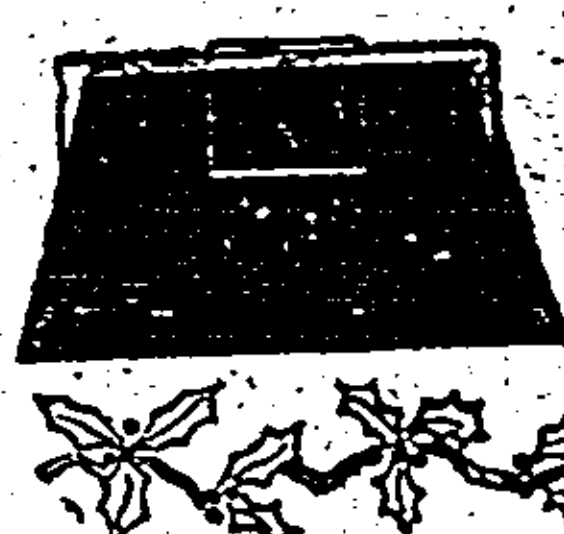
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A PUZZLE WITH CARDS.

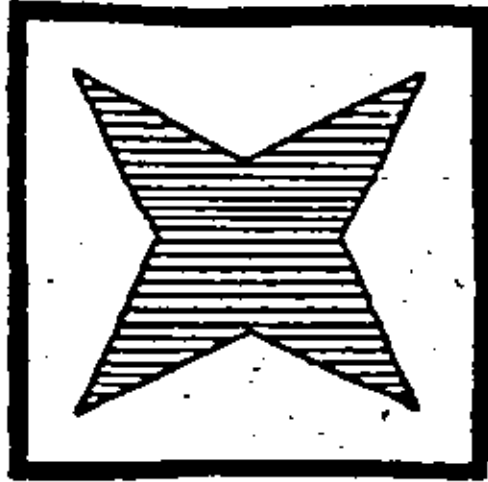
FROM a pack of cards take out three twos, three threes, and three fours. Arrange these as follows:—

3	4	2
4	2	3
2	3	4

It will be seen that the pips on the cards add up and down, across, and diagonally to nine, except in the one diagonal which totals six. You have to move three cards so that the total will be nine when the pips are added up vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.

THE MALTESE CROSS PUZZLE.

Is it possible to cut the star shown below into four pieces, and place them inside a frame so as to form a perfect Maltese Cross?



low into four pieces, and place them inside a frame so as to form a perfect Maltese Cross?

HANDKERCHIEF AND PENNY PUZZLE.

Spread a white handkerchief on the table. In the centre of the handkerchief place a penny. Now, without touching the penny, pick up the handkerchief and hold it vertically without letting the penny fall.

See that the penny is in the centre of the handkerchief. Then pull on two corners of the handkerchief which are diagonally

opposite to each other. Pull tightly and you will find that two little ridges will stand up across the handkerchief; the penny is between them. Continue to pull tightly on the two corners and you will find that the penny is safely wedged between the ridges, and then you can hold up the handkerchief vertically, without letting the penny fall.

A TIME AND DISTANCE PROBLEM.

Two engines, 40 miles apart, are approaching each other at the rates of 25 and 35 miles an hour. Determine the time and place of their meeting?

BURIED TREES, PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

- 1.—Do you prefer nuts or oranges?
- 2.—Did you ever see a bee chasing a butterfly?
- 3.—If you put out the light you will find the whole place dark as midnight.
- 4.—I hope you found Miriam a pleasant companion.
- 5.—Which do you prefer, Livy or Tacitus?
- 6.—Did Norah eat her dinner yesterday?
- 7.—When I was seeking an agent I answered seventy-nine advertisements.
- 8.—A person who could act in so dishonourable a manner is not fit to be called a worthy member of society.
- 9.—Though poverty may be considered a bane, money is not necessarily its antidote.
- 10.—Is not a person sitting in that exposed verandah liable to take cold?

Solutions will be found on page 21.

DECAPITATIONS.

1. I am increasing in size. Behead me and I am an aquatic exercise. Behead me again and I am due. Behead me again and I am part of bird. Behead me again and I am an affix. Curtail me and I am a preposition.

2. I am a species of a grain of wheat. Behead me and I am to inflame. Behead me again, and I am to eat. Behead me again and I am a preposition.

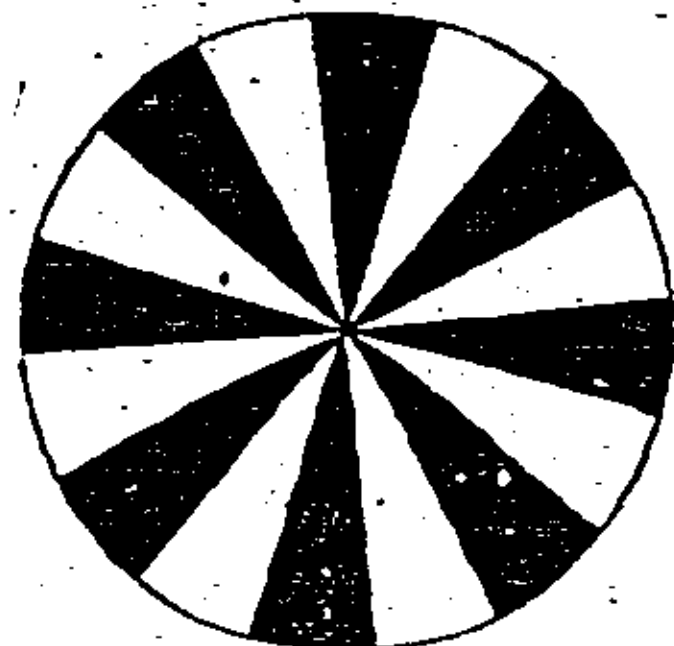
What am I?

Some more than the mere whole my whole contains;

Remove the whole, and some of it remains!

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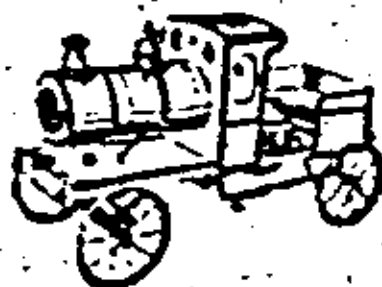
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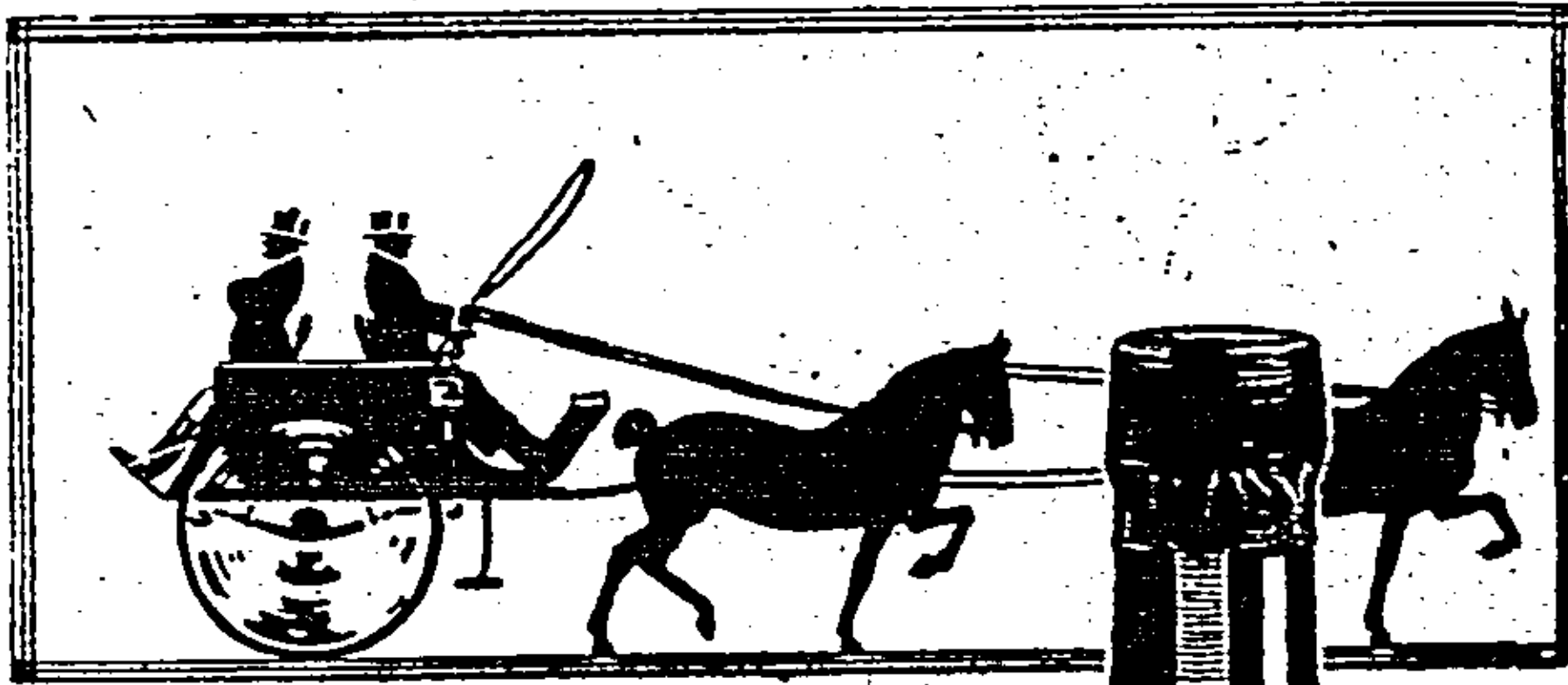


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Behind The Scenes

How A Pantomime is Made

THE most fascinating and also the most laborious game I know," said a famous London pantomime producer to the writer. "The man who produces a pantomime on a big scale must live for it, and with it, almost night and day for a whole year. It is an incubus he can't escape from; but also a delight he would not miss, if, as it must be, his heart is in his work.

"Before the curtain goes up on Boxing Night, I have already decided on the next year's production, which I try to make as different as possible from this year's. Thus 'Aladdin' is followed by 'Cinderella' or 'The Babes in the Wood,' and 'Blue-Beard' by 'Mother Goose.' And the next year's pantomime once fixed, I am constantly entering in my 'Suggestion-books,' of which I keep three always at hand, any ideas that occur to me from day to day.

"The subject fixed, I have a consultation—usually on the evening after Boxing Day—with my co-author; and together we prepare a rough sketch of the plot, designed to show our 'principals' to the best advantage. And it is no easy matter, I can tell you, to evolve a score or more new scenes from such an old story, for example, as 'Cinderella,' and to evolve new lines of jokes for our 'stars.' For the comic effects, luckily, we can rely on them to a large extent.

"When the plot is made out roughly the scenery scheme has to be fitted to it in consultation with our experts, who construct a miniature model of each scene,

complete to the minutest detail. And while I am superintending the whole of this work, I have long daily consultations with the designers of the thousands of costumes that are required.

Expensive Tinsel.

"These costumes, I dare say you will be surprised to learn, may cost anything from £5,000 to £8,000 or more, in these expensive days. I know it is a fairly general impression that the dresses which make such a feast and riot of colour on the pantomime stage are so much 'tinsel' of little intrinsic value. But I assure you nothing can be farther from the truth. They are usually, exceedingly costly—as expensive, in fact, as many worn in the most fashionable of West-End drawing-rooms.

"A single dress may cost anything from thirty to sixty guineas. I have known the latter sum paid for more than one ball-dress—exquisite confections such as a Duchess might be proud to wear, and beneath which are worn petticoats of silk and lace at many guineas apiece. A picture-dress may cost from twenty guineas upwards; and a Court dress, as much as a hundred pounds.

"When you consider that dainty shoes, stockings, and underwear are proportionately costly it is easy to see how the money literally runs away. Even tights, when made of silk, provide a formidable item for the bill, when the cost of each pair is expressed in pounds, and two or three hundred pairs have to be supplied. You can thus

see that pantomime 'tinsel' is expensive enough to satisfy the most exacting and fastidious.

"The designing of pantomime costumes is naturally very difficult and harassing work. Take, for example, a typical scene in which two hundred girls masquerade as sea-anemones, corals and shells. Here is a tough problem for the designer; for the two hundred dresses, of all the colours of the rainbow, must be so designed that, whatever the grouping, they shall present a perfectly harmonious picture.

"It is no exaggeration to say that many thousands of hands are employed in preparing the costumes for the London pantomimes alone. One scene in a Drury Lane pantomime kept 250 girls busy for many months; and over a hundred have been employed on two dozen dresses which were only seen for a few minutes daily in one pantomime.

"And while the scenes are being arranged and the costumes designed, important work is going on in the 'property-room,' where highly-skilled workers are busy making clay-models of the elaborate 'props' which play a prominent part in the pantomimes; and I have also to superintend the manufacture of the hundreds of shields, swords and so on that are required.

"Thus the months simply fly in tasks that crowd every hour of the long days—superintending and inspecting the busy activities of hundreds of people, all putting the last ounce of energy and brains into the effort to make the pantomime a success."

CHRISTMAS FEASTS OF THE PAST.

Whatever our forefathers of past centuries missed, they certainly had no lack of tempting Christmas fare, or appetite for it.

Take, for example, the dinner to which Pepys sat down on Christmas Day, 1658, which consisted of—"a dish of marrow-bones, a leg of mutton, and a loin of veal; three pullets and a dozen larks, all in a great dish. Also a great tart, a neat's tongue, a dish of anchovies and prawns, and cheese."

And what hungry Briton of to-day would not hail a Christmas pie like that provided for his guests in 1770 by a Sir Henry Grey? "It was," we read, "nine feet in circumference, weighed 165 lbs., and contained among other ingredients four geese, two turkeys, two rabbits, four wild-ducks, two snipe, seven blackbirds, and half-a-dozen pigeons. This leviathan pie we are told, was brought round at table on a four-wheeled truck specially constructed for the purpose."

A few years earlier the Earl and Countess of Northumberland gave a Christmas supper, the principal feature of which was a colossal cake crowned by the presentment in sugar of a chaise and six horses, with coachman and footman, and Lady Yarmouth seated inside.

A Frenchman who visited England a couple of centuries ago, waxes eloquent over his Christmas pie, which seems to have been in high favour as a Yuletide delicacy. This delicious "nostrum," as he calls it, was a "most learned mixture of neat's tongues, chicken, eggs sugar, raisins, lemon and orange-peel and various kinds of spicery." And it had for rival, for many a generation, plum broth, or plum porridge, a concoction of "beef or mutton boiled with broth and thickened with brown bread," to which, when the boiling was half completed, were added "raisins, currants, prunes, cloves, mace and ginger."

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

WE are going to see to it, this Christmas, that we, even the busiest of us, are not too busy to inculcate this sense of the true meaning of Christmas into the children. We are going to find the Christmas story for them in St. Luke and give it to them to read as Christmas is approaching, giving them the opportunity to understand that it is the little child in the manger at Bethlehem about whom all this fuss and fervour centres, and not the Santa Claus down at the department store, jolly and Christmassy as he may be. We are going to see that Christmas becomes for them primarily the time when thought must turn completely to others, and guide them to the understanding that where there is a maximum of giving and a minimum of receiving there is the really, truly, happy Christmas.

The full redemption of the real Christmas lies in the extent to which in such ways as this, we can restore to the child of to-day—who will be the adult of to-morrow, that precious sense of giving to others which has been sadly lost out of our more recent Christmasses.

HIS MAJESTY THE TURKEY: HOW HE GOT HIS NAME.

In many country districts the turkey-cock is supposed to get his name from his curious call. Listen to him closely in the paddock and his cry bears some resemblance to a reiterated chirp of "Turk-turk-turk." It is much more probable, however, that the bird gets his name from the traders who originally imported the bird from America. These merchants were for the most part Mussulmen traders, or Turks, who traded in the Levantine and Morocco ports and were known amongst sea-farers in the Middle Ages as Turkey-merchants. According to

THE WRITING OF "THE CHIMES."

Eighty years have passed since Dickens wrote at Genoa the last word of "The Chimes," probably the most beautiful and best-loved of his Christmas stories; and, as he put down his pen and looked down from his study-window on the waters of the Mediterranean, mirroring the blue Italian sky, the tears began to stream down his cheeks, and, resting his head on his hands, he "sobbed like a child."

Some minutes later he took up his pen again and wrote these words to his friend John Forster:—"Half-past two, afternoon. Thank God! I have just finished 'The Chimes.' I take up my pen again only to say that much, and to add that I have had what women call a 'real good cry!'"

For weeks he had been writing at high pressure, "in a fever of inspiration." He had lived with and for his book; and as his pen flew over the sheets he had laughed and cried with his characters, and "generally," as he confessed, "behaved like an idiot." And when at last he had to say goodbye to them it was as though he stood by the graveside of loved ones. "Day after day," he says, "I was in my bath at seven o'clock; and an hour later I was at my desk, blazing away, resolutely and red-hot, for seven or eight hours at a stretch until my hand refused to work any more.

"I had almost finished the story and, rack my brains as I would and did, I simply couldn't think of a title. Then, one morning, as I sat down to my desk, the bells of Genoa broke, as if by one consent, into a merry, almost deafening peal; and I had it! 'The Chimes!' 'The Chimes!' That was the very title I wanted but could not find."

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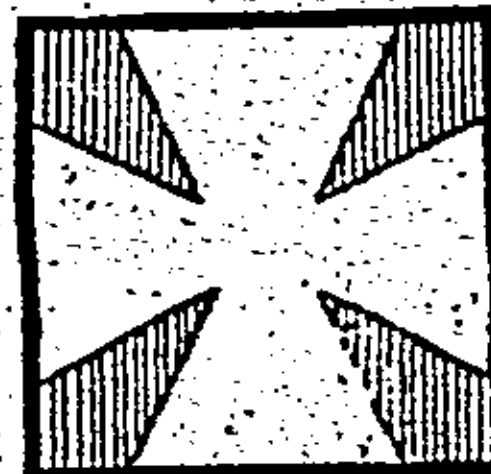
A Puzzle with Cards.

Place the top row of figures beneath the bottom row and all will add up to nine, thus:—

4	2	3
2	3	4
3	4	2

The Maltese Cross Puzzle.

This is the way to do it: Cut the star in four pieces across the centre, and place them in the four corners of the frame. Below is a perfect Maltese Cross in white.



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Second engine in two-thirds of an hour goes two-thirds multiplied by 35, equals 23.1/3 miles.

Answer: 40 minutes. 16.2/3 miles and 23.1/3 miles from starting point.

Buried Trees, Plants and Flowers.

1, Fern; 2, beach; 3, cedar; 4, maple; 5, ivy; 6, heather; 7, gentian; 8, thyme; 9, anemone; 10, dahlia.

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The Proof of the Pudding

Menu for Christmas

IT'S in the eating, of course, and no Christmas can be complete this year or any other year without the Christmas pudding.

Tradition enters more frequently into this distinctive viand among all by way of food that spells Christmas, than into any other single item of the holiday menu, for many families, particularly the English-born, hand down recipes for plum pudding, fig* or suet puddings, from generation to generation, and the majority of these rules have their origin in England.

"Merrie England's" Christmas celebrations back in the days of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, incorporated the Christmas pudding, and elaborate ceremony surrounded its making and its serving. The whole household had a hand in its stirring, "for luck," and you will remember that in that charming Christmas classic "The Birds' Christmas Carol," Mrs. Bird has the Christmas pudding brought to the bedside of the little invalid Carol that she may stir it, "for luck." To-day we like to surround its serving with pretty little rituals or ceremonies, having it brought blazing to the table, elaborately embellished and adorned.

Pudding-Making An Art.

The pudding has been made weeks before in most of our homes, although culinary skill on the part of professional

bakers has perfected the art of Christmas pudding-making to an admirable degree, and the young housekeeper new to the more difficult kinds of cooking, may regale her lord and master and the Christmas dinner guests with a pudding that might never be guessed to have come out of anywhere except a home kitchen. Heavily fruited and steamed almost a day long, then packed away to ripen and enrich until the thickly-fruited mixture blends to a substance fit for the gods. The pudding is brought forth royally and served triumphantly in glorious termination of the Christmas dinner.

How attractive and tempting the Christmas pudding may be made! One's prettiest dish, perhaps a large, flat plate of pewter, silver or china, may hold it, and we may wreath it with holly and decorate its round self with candied fruits and angelica. If it has been moulded with a centre hole, that just invites a little clump of Christmas holly, surrounding a plump red candle lighted before the pudding is brought to the table. Or, birthday-cake fashion, we may surround the pudding with a wreath of red tree candles and bring it in blazing in a crown of golden glory. The proof of the pudding is indeed in the eating, but these little ornamental touches give it added flavour and contribute a little ceremonial interval in the holiday dinner that thrills

elders and youngsters alike.

Menu for Christmas.

In planning the Christmas dinner, few families like to venture far from the tradition of turkey and "trimmings." To make it quite "real" for them, there must be the big stuffed fowl with sage, chestnut or oyster stuffing, there must be cranberries, minced meat pie and plum pudding, fruits and nuts and coffee. It is only with these good old stock standbys for a foundation in her planning, that even the most modern-minded of housewives will vary her menu. One of the smart fashion publications of the day that occasionally takes a departure into by-ways of menu-making suggests a Christmas dinner at once old and new. Here is the menu:

Hors d'oeuvre

Savoury Soup	Toast Strips
Lobster Chops	Cucumber Sand.
Roast Turkey	Chestnut Stuffing
Red Apple and Sausage	Garnishing
Mashed Potato	Puff Squash
Cranberry and Orange Jelly	
Celery and Olives	
Egg and Asparagus Salad.	Wafers.
Christmas Plum Pudding	
Individual Minced Pies	
Nuts and Fruit and Candy	
Coffee.	

JOYOUS GAITY THIS CHRISTMAS.

WE are going to have this year of 1931 a grand, long week-end for fun, for Christmas falls on Friday.

This means that there will be three whole days to which we may abandon ourselves for festivity and with which we will ring up the curtain on a holiday season that will not be over until we have rung the last bell welcoming in the new year. This means, too, that we will have leisure to celebrate in several ways in which we are not always able to celebrate when Christmas day itself, the focal point of all our merry-making, falls in the middle of the week or at its beginning, with an interruption of an extensive programme that we may wish to carry out.

Offering a Varied Programme.

How are we going to plan our programme for this fine, long stretch of good times? How can we arrange to include some festivity for every age represented in our family group? How are we going to make a time for fun outside the family, to lend our interest and our aid to the community Christmas celebration, for instance, and plan so that we can share without rush or excess hurry. Such a multitude of things to divide our efforts!

Well, it's a pretty good plan to take pencil and paper and set it all down "in black on white." Let's make out a tentative holidays' programme and put it down, perhaps, like this:—

Thursday, Dec. 24. — Christmas eve. Family supper and Christmas tree. Midnight service.

Friday, Dec. 25. — Christmas Day. Stockings, and Christmas breakfast, Christmas service at the church. Christmas dinner at noon. Christmas tea in early evening. A family day and evening.

Saturday, Dec. 26. — A day for play. Outdoor sports for everybody in the afternoon. Movies in the evening. Or afternoon tea "on tap" for callers, and an evening of bridge or dancing.

Sunday, Dec. 27. — A day for church-going and possibly a Sunday evening tea for family or guests.

Monday, Dec. 28 to Thursday, Dec. 31. — Parties, teas, supper or dinner parties and dances.

Thursday Dec. 31. — Formal dancing parties and New Year's revelry.

Friday, Jan. 1. — Family dinner party. Informal afternoon.

It will be the Day before Christmas before we know it, and doubtless it will be with a last-minute rush that we tie up the last parcel in silver and scarlet, place the last ornament and light on the Christmas tree and rush away to the children's carol service. There are those who can come into Christmas at this juncture serene and calm, unhurried and unfurried.

They are those fore-handed souls who have done their Christmas shopping weeks before there was ever a sign of Christmas tinsel and green in the shops, none of the crush and rush of December days. But, after all, what makes the real Christmas time if some of this hurry and rush and

scramble does not contribute to it? And those who ring up the curtain on Christmas eve in all this excitement and flurry have a good chance at considerably more of a Christmas thrill than our more orderly and restrained friends.

There will be a whole week before us for all the fun we can find in the holiday time. There will be many parties — late morning breakfasts, dinners, dances and the usual round of festivities.

Climax to a Gay Week.

The week of gaiety will have its climax, of course, on New Year's eve when everybody celebrates in the traditional manner.

A LITTLE jingle written some years ago rhymes itself repeatedly into successive Christmas seasons when it is once heard and remembered. It reads like this:

"Tis a beautiful time when Christmas comes,

All up the street and down,
For hearts alight make faces bright,
When Christmas comes to town.

"Neighbour and friend in gladness meet,
There are greetings far and near,
When Christmas peace bids evil cease
On the holiest day of the year.

"Tis a beautiful task that Christmas brings,
For young and old to share,
With the jingle of bells and silvery swells
Of music in the air.

"To make the sad world merry a while,
To frighten sin away,
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If you want to make purchases there are comprehensive displays of toys arranged in sections, to facilitate comparison and choice. The Hall of Mechanics will delight the boys and the Hall of Music cannot fail to please everyone. Would-be aviators can feast their little eyes on the wonders of air-craft displayed in the Hangar of Aeronautics.

Sincere's Toyland is the very first exhibition of its kind that has ever been shown in the Colony and every one is cordially invited to come and inspect Toyland during Santa Claus' brief visit.

If you are in search of presents for the ladies you will be well rewarded by a visit to the Majestic Store, in Nathan Road, near the junction of Jordan Road, where there is a splendid selection of beautiful scents, beauty sets, toilet sets, sprays, and everything that appeals to the feminine fancy!

Those in search of Christmas gifts, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., offer a splendid variety that should suit all tastes and purses. Throughout the many departments, the question of Gift choosing is made easier on inspection.

Xmas gifts to suit all and kindred are to be found at the Sun Company, Des Voeux Road Central. They are advertising a special line of "Tudor" silverware that any housewife would be delighted with for a present.

Wine plays one of the most important parts in Yuletide festivities, and at Dodwell and Company, Ltd., your choice can be made. They are noted for their "Black and White" whisky and "Buchanan's Liqueur," which they sell in cases containing three bottles, six bottles and a dozen bottles.

For food delicacies, a visit to the French Store is worth while. Here one finds a wonderful assortment of chocolates, also crackers of the latest design and colouring, while their crystallised fruits are a great treat for young or old.

No Christmas and New Year party can be complete without Vat 69 whisky to liven up the function. W. R. Loxley & Co. are local agents.

The King's Theatre are offering one of the best juvenile talking productions ever made, and that is "Huckleberry Finn" starring Jackie Cooper and Robert Coogan with Mitzi Green playing an important part too. Although the film is for the children, grown ups will also thoroughly enjoy it. Don't miss it!!

No household is complete without an all-steel refrigerator, and this is especially felt in the festive season, when all good things are eaten. But they must be kept fresh, and a refrigerator is just the thing. This can be obtained at the Hong Kong General Electric Company, and each one is built like a safe and hermetically sealed. The refrigerators are on view at the General Electric, Wm. C. Jack & Co., Ltd., and Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd.

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Suitable for the home, office, store, factory, club, etc., is Telechron (The Electric Time-keeper) which can be obtained from the Hong Kong Electric Company. A timely gift, no doubt, to see 1932 in with!

Have you thought about giving books this Christmas? They are the gifts of permanent pleasure if carefully chosen. The Excelsior Co. have a delightful selection of books which will appeal to all readers — young or old. They also have a fine display of Christmas Cards, calendars and diaries.

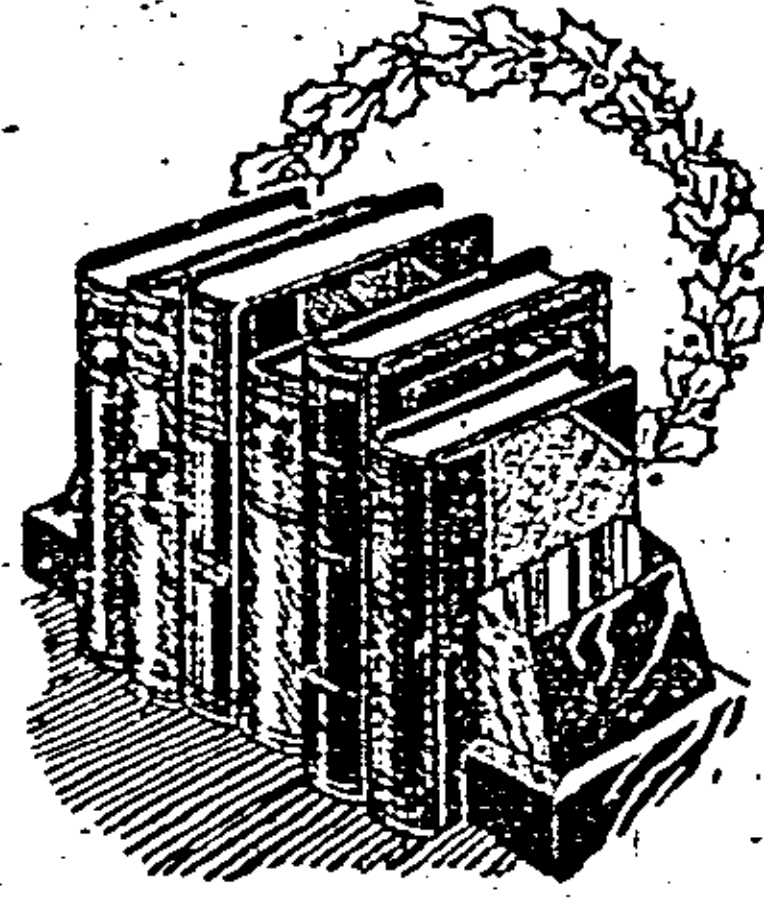
No Christmas festivities is complete without wines, sparkling rich red burgundies and still better the wonderful champagnes. You cannot do better than order a Christmas hamper from Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., the well-known wine merchants of Hong Kong who specialise in pleasing the public. They have 3 very attractive hampers ranging from \$50 to \$65 and each one seems to cover all one's requirements.

If you are looking for a gift which will give continued pleasure to the recipient you cannot do better than to buy "him" or "her" a Feth camera this Christmas.

The Cafe Pavilion, Nathan Road offers a splendid variety of chocolates, sweets and candies. Take the kiddies along and try a Russian tiffin or dinner.

Sour milk is a source of nuisance. This is easily rectified by the purchase of Klim milk from Yue Lee Yuen, the local agents. Klim is powdered milk and the babies of the Colony especially appreciate it.

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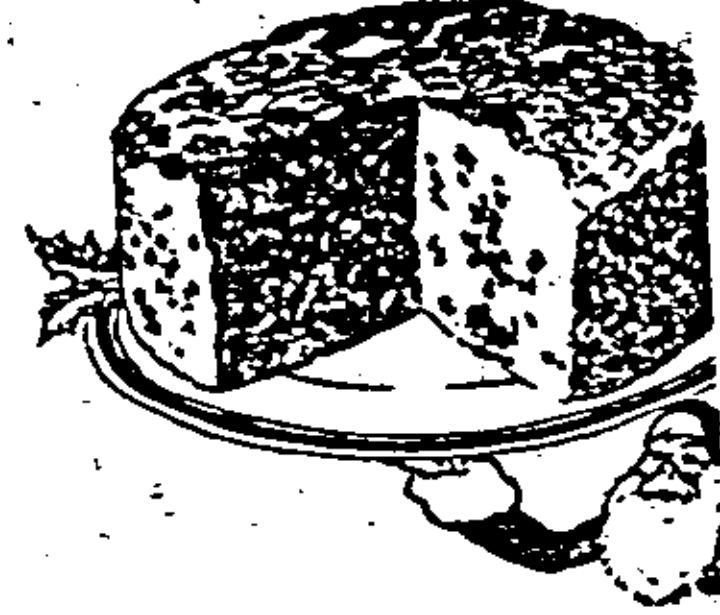
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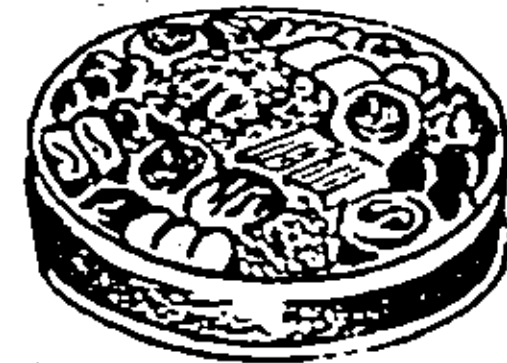
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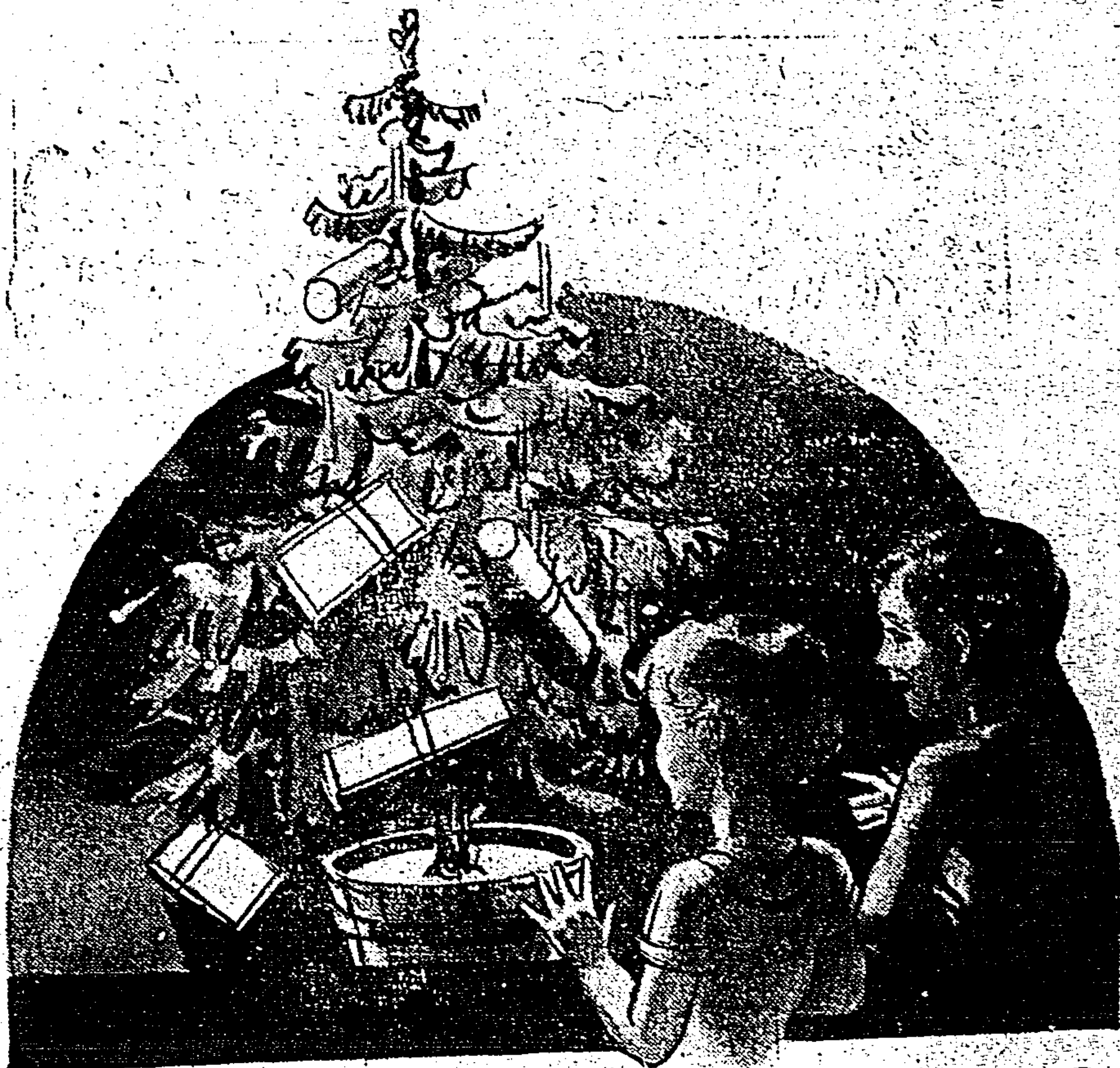
For milady, young or old, few things can be more acceptable for Christmas than a nice box of chocolates, and then the kiddies, they love them too, so that you won't be far out if you make this year's Christmas gifts "all chocolates." The Blue Bird has a fine choice of chocolates of the best makes packed in very attractive boxes at prices to suit every purse.

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PRINCESSES OF THE PAST.

VICTORIA.

On the 24th of May, 1819, Alexandra Victoria was born at Kensington Palace. About eight months later the death of her father, the Duke of Kent, fourth son of King George the 3rd, left her mother, the Duchess of Kent, in a difficult position. She was very poor, and King George the 4th, who was then on the throne, would not help her or the little princess.

Victoria was brought up without any luxuries, and many years later, when she wrote her memories of childhood, she said that she was often a naughty little girl, and always



"Victoria the Good" as a little girl.

screamed at the bishops who came to see her because she was afraid of their wigs! She did not like her lessons either, because they and her life were so dull, and when she went to Ramsgate in the Summer she had to sit in her governess's bedroom to work. Indeed, although she longed for a bedroom of her own, she never had one till she became queen.

Victoria did not know that she might become queen one day, because this possibility was kept from her. She was perhaps seven years old when she was invited to Windsor with her mother, and she was most excited at the thought of seeing the castle.

"Give me your little paw," said the King when he saw her. And, to her great delight, he gave her a portrait of himself set in diamonds, which she wore pinned to her left shoulder. That was as great a day for Victoria as when her uncle, the Duke of York, gave her a donkey, and that other wonderful day when he called a Punch and Judy show into the garden for her to see. She enjoyed these things tremendously, because she had so few presents and pleasures.

When Victoria was eleven, a number of bishops came to see if her education were progressing properly, and

the poor little princess had so many things to learn that sometimes she lost her temper and was rude to her governess or maid. Then she was punished till she begged their pardons humbly. At last she began to wonder why she had to learn so much, and why she had to be so very careful about her behaviour. She thought a great deal and finally discovered how near she was to the throne.

"I will be good," she murmured in amazement.

After the death of George the 4th, his brother William 4th became king, and the Princess Victoria was hardly ever allowed to go to court although she wished to be friends with him. Once she and her mother went to dinner with him, and in a speech he said he hoped the Duchess of Kent would never be regent, but that Victoria would rule by herself. Thereupon the princess burst into tears and wept bitterly before the entire court.

Victoria was eighteen when suddenly she was roused in the middle of the night, and told to put on a dressing gown and go down stairs. There she saw the King's ministers, and one went on his knee before her.

"The King is dead, long live the Queen," he said.

Then Victoria knew that, although her years of poverty and restriction were over, the years before her were to be far more difficult. But she was ready for them.

"I will be good," she whispered. And in history she is known as Victoria the Good.

A FUNNY GAME.

You will love this game. Two players take part at a time, the others watch. They will find it amusing.

The two players are blindfolded and told to shake hands with each other in less than a minute. It is ever so funny to see them wandering around trying to find each other.

Another couple try later on, and the pair wins who manages it in the shortest time.

THE TELL-TALE.

Like a tiger drowsing
Cunning Tabby lay —
Was a thought of mousing
In her head that day?

Bead Eye said to Whisker,
Peeping from their hole,
"Brother, dare we risk a
Dash for the flour bowl?"

"Cheese is in the larder,
Candles on the shelf,
Just asleep the warder,
So I think myself."

"Puss is but dissembling,"
Wary Mouse replies,
"Her tail tip can't help trembling,
No matter how she tries!"



CAN YOU DO IT?

All you need to try this trick is a match stick. Now place it on the edge of the table so that about one inch of the match stick is sticking out over the floor.

To perform the trick, you must close one eye and try to knock the stick off the table with a downward stroke of your forefinger. This sounds very easy, but you will find that very few people manage to do it without trying several times first.

NOTHING SMALL.

When you've to do with wrong and right,

Then never think the question slight:
For what is wrong you'll like to do
If once you think it small;

And if what's right seems small to you
It won't be done at all.

— From a Chinese maxim.



This picture of the Goblin Band would look prettier in colour, so get your paints or crayons, children, and see how attractive you can make it.

THE HERMITS' QUARREL.

Once upon a time, there were two old hermits who lived together, apart from other people, for years and years. They had always been very fond of each other. Then one day it occurred to one of the hermits that it might be interesting to have a quarrel. So he said to his brother hermit:

"We have lived together so long in peace. Wouldn't it liven things up a bit if we had a fight once?"

"Well, probably it might," agreed the other, "but how could we ever fight? I'm sure I haven't the least idea how we could even begin a quarrel."

The other hermit thought hard for a while and then he had a bright idea. "I'll lay my hat here on the table and say, 'Now I want you to know that that hat is mine.' Then you say, 'No, it's not. That hat is mine.' If we both keep that up for awhile we may be able to get a quarrel started."

So the hermit with the bright idea laid his hat on the table, and said, "That hat belongs to me."

"Oh, no," said the other hermit, "you are altogether wrong about that. That hat belongs to me."

"Now, look here, that hat is mine. Don't you think I have sense enough to know my own hat when I see it?" came the rejoinder.

"Well, that's so. You certainly ought to know your own hat when you see it, so if you insist that the hat is yours, naturally it must be yours," replied the other hermit, with whom peace-making had become second nature.

And so the quarrel which they had intended to start came to an end because one of the hermits just couldn't bring himself to keep it up.

While the quarrel which the hermit tried to start seems very foolish, we need to remember that many petty quarrels are almost as silly as that. Moreover, any such quarrel can be brought to a speedy end by acting like the hermit who refused to keep it going.

THE BIRD THAT WOULD BE KING.

In the days when the birds were choosing a king there were many candidates, and on none of them could the birds agree. Some wanted the most beautiful, some the largest, and others the swiftest to rule over them.

At last it was agreed that the bird that could fly highest should be monarch of all the other birds, and a day was set apart for the test. Many birds tried to win the crown, and some went to a great height. But at last it came to the turn of the eagle, and this bird flew higher than all.

"Hurrah!" shouted the birds in chorus. "The eagle is the king of birds!"

But when the eagle came down to earth again, what was the astonishment of all the other birds to see the little wren jump off its back and declare that he was king, for had he not gone higher than even the eagle?

The birds were indignant. "The idea of being ruled by a wretched little creature like a wren!" said they. But there was no getting out of the fact that the wren had been even higher than the eagle.

"Let us go to the wise owl," they said.

After listening to the story the owl was silent for a moment, and then said:

"The eagle is king of all birds, for he flew highest!"

"What!" exclaimed the astonished wren. "But I went higher."

"Yes," said the owl, "you went higher, it is true, but you did not fly. You were carried on the eagle's back, and the crown, according to the understanding, was to go to the bird which flew highest."

The other birds laughed and cheered, and the poor wren was so ashamed that from that day to this he has always flown near the earth, dodging in and out among the bushes, and trying to hide himself so that no one should see him.



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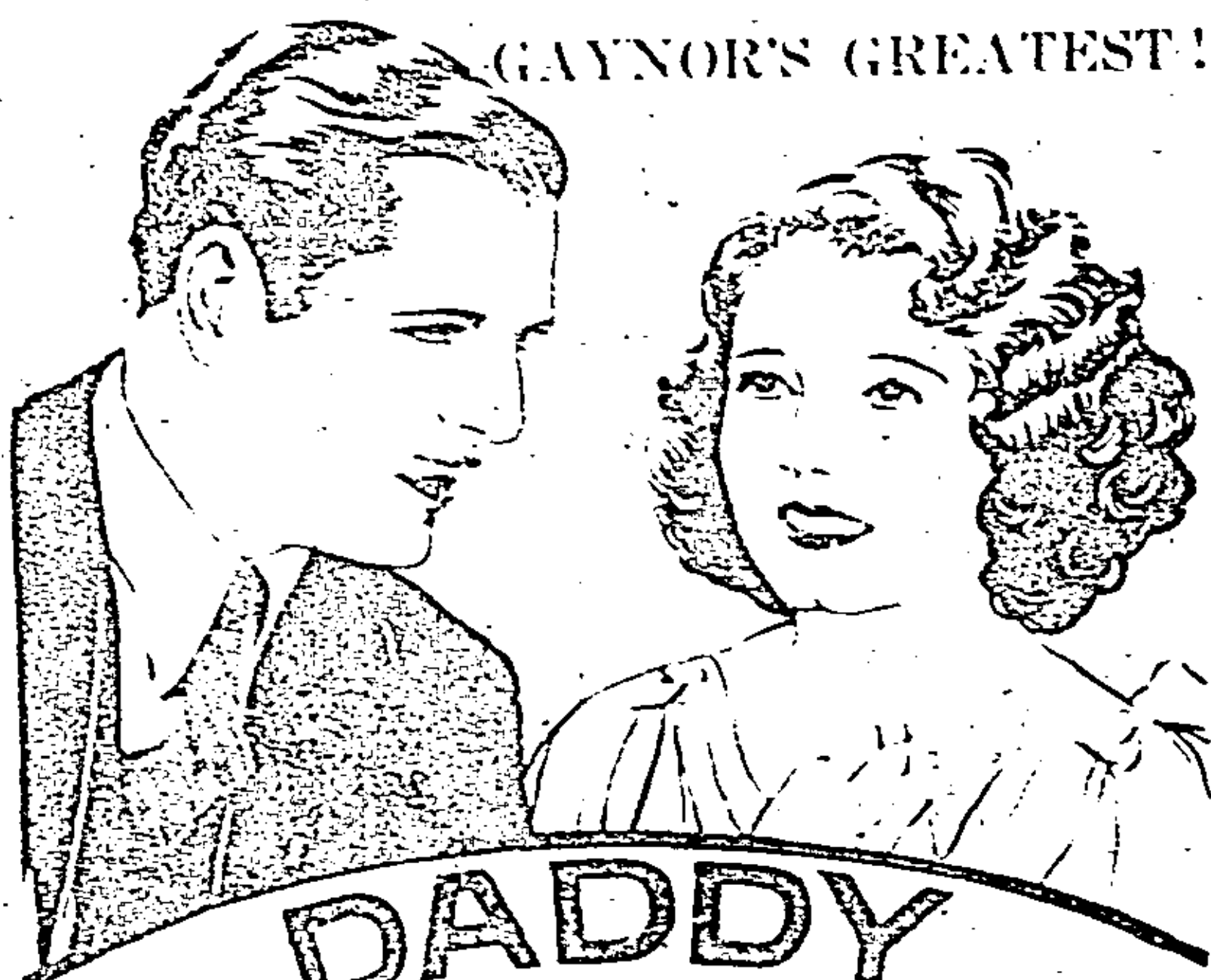
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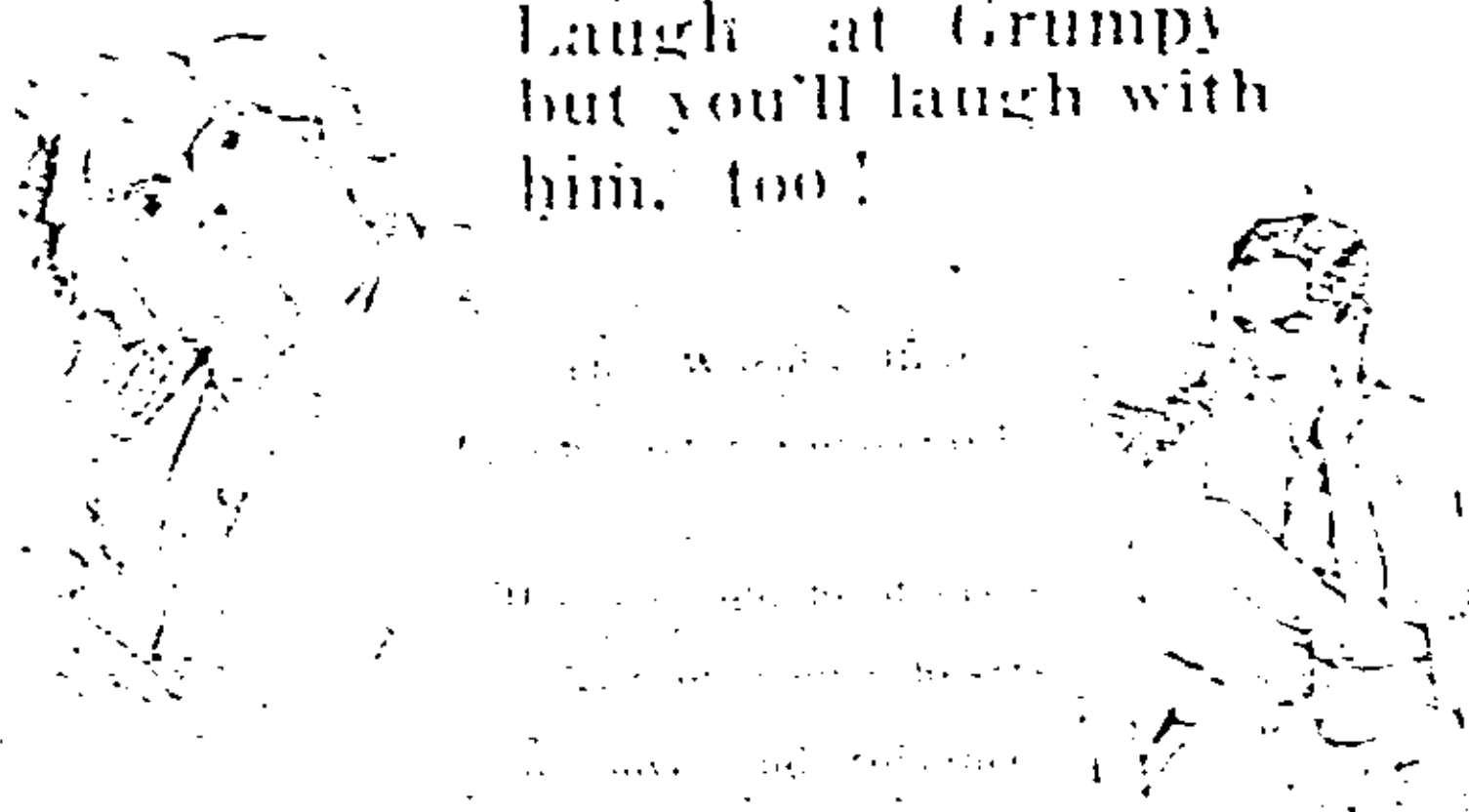
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THE TRUTH ABOUT THE SERGEANT-MAJOR

MY SHOUT!

With a Word or Two About A Woman Doctor.

In the next war, so I have read, women will be "in the line," fighting alongside the men, writes ex-Private 1914-1918. They will, it is prophesied, be conscripted.

Well... if ever that next war does come, and Dr. A. Helen Boyle gets conscripted... well, Heaven help Dr. Helen Boyle.

She'll wish she was in the line, or in a nice peaceful bit of No Man's Land, long, long before she gets off the barracks square.

Won't the sergeant-majors "put her through it?" Oh, won't they!

For all the sergeant-majors and ex-sergeant-majors in the land know how Dr. A. Helen Boyle, in a lecture gave the show away about how men become sergeant-majors. If the sergeant-majors and ex-sergeant-majors didn't see it for themselves, be sure some vindictive private or ex-private showed it to them.

Here are the cruel words Dr. A. Helen Boyle spoke:

"The baby that cries loudest is fed first, and babies find they get the best out of life by shouting loudly. That develops their lungs, and when they grow up they find they have loud voices."

"Not knowing what to do with their voices they become sergeant-majors and inflict their voices on the ranks."

"Inflict his voice on the ranks!" When every C.S.M. and R.S.M. thought his voice was an inspiration to the ranks.

There Were Times—

True, I can recall occasions when the voice of our R.S.M. was just a trifle too... too sonorous.

There were times when I had stew. There were, when I come to think of it, many times when we had stew. And these occasions sometimes coincided with a C.O.'s inspection. Now if you have never tried jumping to attention between a form and a table, with one hand clutching a plate of stew and the other a large spoon of stew when the word of command, "SHUN!" is like a "rum-jar" going up next door... well, try it and enjoy life in peace time.

Our R.S.M. would sing. All sergeant-majors sing. They all sing affectionately about mothers. Ours used to start off with "So tell the news to mummy, and tell her 'ow I luvver," and proceed, after the usual

encore from the lance-sergeants' corner, with "So you're going to leave the old 'ome, dad."

Only one man really appreciated our R.S.M.'s songs. That was the officers' mess cook of "A" Company, who sat fascinated while everybody else squirmed.

He was stone deaf.

But about this shouting business I discussed it to-day with the Biggest Voice the British Army has known—the voice of Sergeant-Major Eggleton, who taught the words of command to all the sergeant-majors of the Brigade of Guards during the war.

He could drown a drum-and-fife band, could Sergeant-Major Eggleton. He could make a squad "jump to it" 400 yards away.

He was the man who taught those bayonet-drill instructors to grind their teeth as they screamed at you: "Jump at 'im! Go mad! Bash 'im in! Don't stroke him!"

"It's a science," said Sergeant-Major Eggleton. "It's acquired by years and years of practice. And a sergeant-major's voice is the biggest thing in the Army."

"Now, you're a recruit. I'm a sergeant-major. I say to you, 'Stand to attention!'—just like that. What do you do? What are you doing? Leaning on a chair, grinning—that's what you're doing."

"But if I say to you—'Shun!'"

Believe me, I shot up, thumbs level with seams, chin up, heels clicking.

"See what I mean," said Sergeant-Major Eggleton.

"Quite," I said.

"And, of course," I mentioned placatingly, "you never shouted for food in your cradle?"

"Never!"

"And you never got more food than you needed, for your natural development from childhood?"

"Never!"

Epilogue.

If you had heard that denial you would have understood much. You would have understood that the sergeant-major was perfectly sincere when he used to say to the lance-corporal bawling his lungs at a squad a hundred yards away, "What are you whispering for?"

You would have understood why it is that when a sergeant-major calls "Solo" he never, never loses.

Rifles and Bayonets must be returned to Corps Stores. Platoon Commanders will render reports to the effect that this has been complied with to the Company Commander by not later than December 22.

The Officer Commanding the Machine Gun Company will issue his Orders separately to his command.

Band, etc., Practices.

No Band or Pipe Practice must take place at Headquarters on the evenings of December 17, 22, or 23.

Mess Treasurer.

The Duties of Mess Secretary will be taken over from the Adjutant by Lieut. S. Jarvis, M.C., with effect from January 1.

Parades at Headquarters.

No parades will be held at Corps Headquarters from Wednesday, December 23, to Monday, January 4 (repeated).

Transfer.

No. 1303 Pte. R. Morrison, No. 6 Platoon, is transferred to Scottish Reserve with effect from December 17.

Strength.

The following has been taken on the Strength: No. 1765 Pte. A. H. Harbord, No. 3 Platoon, joined in from December 15.

Leave.

No. 1085 Sergt. E. L. Grooms, Armoured Car Co., Motor Cycle Squadron, granted 2 months' sick leave from November 10 to January 9.

(Sgt.) W. H. G. GOWER, Capt. Adjutant, R.E.Y.D.C.

In a recently conducted inspection of cadetries in the North of England, I visited one which has just been closed down, and over 1,500 men thrown idle, because the minimum price imposed under the Act was higher than would permit of the continuing hold. Sir R. A. S. Redmayne.

EDUCATION DRIFT.

Question of an Inquiry Shirked.

WHAT IS FEARED?

Pursuant to notice, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall asked the following questions on education at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council:

With reference to the remark made by the Colonial Secretary at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on October 22, 1931, that the Government would give serious consideration to my suggestion that a committee be appointed to consider the general education policy of the Government, will the Government state—

(1) Whether such a committee will be appointed; and

(2) If not, what step does the Government propose to take to give effect to the object in view?

Government Reply.

The Colonial Secretary replied as follows:

1. The Government does not consider that the appointment of such a committee is called for as there already exists, in the Board of Education, a body which is competent to advise on matters connected with education in the Colony.

2. In October, 1930, the Board was invited to review the existing system of education and to make recommendations in respect of future policy. Several of its recommendations have already been put into operation and others will be adopted shortly.

The recommendations deal with such matters as the distribution of funds provided for educational purposes, syllabuses, English and Chinese, the possibility of improving the opportunities of the children in private schools, the school medical service, the difficult question of the extent to which public funds should be made available for other than vernacular education, the University Local Examinations, and the training of teachers, and, in fact, constitute just such an overhaul of the existing system as appears to be contemplated by the honourable member.

SONG RECITAL.

Ida Hoyt Chamberlain Entertains.

A POOR AUDIENCE.

The attendance in the Helena May Institute last evening was very disappointing considering the high artistic level of the recital, the hall being only sparsely filled. Much time must have been devoted to the exquisite decoration of the platform and it may surely be said that the lady giving the recital undoubtedly graced the tastefully conceived setting.

The term "lyric interpreter" seems strange to our British eyes, and it was rather unfortunate that the singer should have been heard to the least advantage in our traditional Old English Airs, her first "I've Been Roaming," and one encore, Arne's ever popular "Lass With the Delicate Air."

Undoubtedly her greatest successes were the Tosca Air, and Granville Bantock's exquisite settings of ancient Chinese songs. In each of these items, the lady was obviously happy and her delightful interpretations were rewarded by generous applause.

Two of her own songs, the first of which she accompanied herself, revealed the singer's undoubted ability as a lyrical composer, and they too were encored; her response being her own "If," which she again accompanied.

Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith's ability as pianist, accompanist and musician is one of Hong Kong's greatest musical assets, and his sympathetic accompaniment of the recitalist was in no small measure responsible for the success of the concert.

His playing of the Chopin Scherzo was masterly and warmed up an audience which hitherto had inclined to be unresponsive. As an encore he played York Bowen's lively and interesting "Gig."

Both artists received cordial ovations at the end of the concert. Further concerts are announced for January 7 and 21, and it is to be hoped that music lovers will keep these dates clear and encourage the promoters by filling the hall on these occasions.

WEDDING OF NIZAM'S SONS.

Gorgeous Scenes at Ceremony.

The ex-Caliph officiated at the Turkish religious ceremony at Palais Carbacel on November 20, uniting the Hyderabad Princesses with the Ottoman Princesses.

It was nearly half an hour after the fixed time that the Princes arrived. Meanwhile there was considerable anxiety on the part of the assembled guests and the ex-Sultan's secretary was pacing to and fro consulting his watch.

The ceremony was performed in the atmosphere of a smart West End wedding. There were crowds of excited women at the gates of the Palais Carbacel. The brides were attired in beautiful dresses with long ivory satin trains. They carried huge bouquets and wreaths of orange blossom in their hair.

The Ceremony.

The ceremony was very simple. It lasted barely half an hour. The Palais Carbacel was crowded with smartly-dressed women and all the fashionable Turkish Royal personages.

The Princes, in resplendent Indian dress, carried bejewelled swords. They were attended by Indian orderlies clad in magnificent uniforms and gold turbans who excited cries of admiration from the women sightseers.

Princess Shahzadi's close-fitting gown of ivory brocade perfectly set off her slim figure and dark hair, while Princess Hilphar, flushed with excitement, looked even younger than sixteen.

After the ceremony the guests were served with refreshments and the Palais transformed into a bower of flowers.

THE LIE DETECTOR TRIED.

A Ceylon Fable with Its Moral.

Once upon a time there was a suspicious wife who read in her Times of Ceylon that Chicago had produced a "Lie Detector." So she sold seven five-rupee bundles, and ordered one to be sent per V.P.P.

It looked an innocent little thing, rather like a wireless-set, and she decided to try it on her Appu, who had been with her husband before she married. So she said "Have you had a duplicate key made for the store-room?" and he said "No, Lady," whereupon the Lie Detector proceeded to dance a hornpipe all over the house with emotion. So she sacked the Appu and snubbed her husband when he demurred.

Next day the Suspicious Wife asked the Dhoobi if he was in the habit of hiring out her clothes; and she asked the Milkman if his cow always gave blue milk; and she asked the Cook if he really used a whole tin of Dripping in five days on her cooking alone. And in each case the Lie Detector did its duty so convincingly that she had to give each servant notice.

Master's Whisky.

But when the new Appu arrived she could not restrain herself from asking if he ever drank Master's whisky; and she asked the new Dhoobi if he ever hired the sheets without washing them; and she asked the new Milkman if he was always careful to filter the water before adding it to the milk. And again the Lie Detector made it impossible for her to keep any of them.

The suspicious wife soon became so dependent upon her little machine that she began trying it on her friends, especially when trying to raise subscriptions for deserving objects, and the result was so depressing that she soon lost all her friends and became very unpopular.

Eventually she decided to test her husband, who was rather tired of managing without any servants. So she asked him if he really spent all his evenings in the Men's Reading Room at the Club.

So the poor woman, sans servants, sans friends, sans husband, sans everything, decided that Ceylon was a miserable country, and that she would go home by the first tourist P. & O. ship could catch. But before she went she buried the Lie Detector in the garden, and raised a little monument over it, upon which was written: "Where Ignorance is Bliss, it is folly to be Wise."

MARRIAGE BOOM.

Cupid Too Busy Among the Police.

L.G.P. IN A DILEMMA.

"A big boom in the matrimonial market" was referred to by the Hon. Inspector-General of Police yesterday at the meeting of the Finance Committee which followed the sitting of the Legislative Council.

Discussion arose over a vote of \$3,000 for light and electric fans for additional married quarters for the Police Force.

The Hon. Mr. Kotewall said: This is rather a big increase in light and electric fans. Does it mean that it will go on increasing if more Police Officers get married, and is there any rule limiting the number of married officers in the Force?

Inspector General of Police.—No, but there is a rule limiting the amount which officers are allowed to use. If they exceed that amount they must pay for it. There is an issue every month for married men and single messes. It is in the form of a Police memo of current consumed, and anyone who exceeds the amount has to pay that amount extra. It is very carefully watched. If the number of married men increase, naturally the quarters increase.

There has been a big "boom" in the matrimonial market during the past year, and it has put me in a very awkward position, especially as certain flats have not been completed. There are four sets of flats which should have been completed by December 1, but as it looks as if they will not be completed for another two months, we have had to lodge Officers in the St. Francis Hotel, which is most undesirable.

On a vote for \$190, rent of Police Married Quarters, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked:—When are these flats likely to be completed? The Chairman.—They are private flats, aren't they?

Inspector General of Police.—They belong to Mr. van Eps, the undertaker. They were to be completed on December 1, which we were promised as far back as last April, but, for some reason, the work has been extremely slow.

Hon. Mr. Henry Pollock.—Are we to understand that Mr. van Eps is a contractor?

Inspector General of Police.—I have now written to him stating that I will not take the flats unless he can give me a guarantee that they will be finished by January 1; if not that a monetary penalty will have to be paid by him until such time as they are ready.

Approved.

UNPOSTED LETTERS 28 YEARS OLD.

Hidden in Crack At Back Of A Mail-Chute.

Two dozen letters and postcards, dating as far back as 1903, have been returned to the Post Office after lying hidden in a crack at the back of the glass-enclosed mail-chute of a building in New York.

The night watchman happened to notice the obstruction, and informed the Post Office, which sent a man to open the chute.

Included in the collection was one postcard dated December 11, 1903. The addresses in every case were still legible, but the postal authorities declined to say whether they would attempt to deliver them. None of the letters was postmarked, so it is possible that some of them ante-dated the postcard. The building was erected in 1891.

DOG'S EXPENSIVE APPETITE.

Agitated Owner And His Diamond Stud.

Some of the strange things which animals swallow were described by Professor Hobday at a lecture at the Royal Veterinary College, Camden Town. Some of them were:

Dogs: A nut off a motor-car, golf balls, stones, and nails.

Cows: A gate catch, the whole of a boot, and all the wire from a woman's umbrella.

Cats: Hatpins.

Professor Hobday described a tragedy. "A man came to the college one day with a dog," he said, "and exclaimed 'Mein Gott, mein dog, has swallowed mein diamond stud.' I gave fifteen guineas for the stud and seven and six for the dog. I want my stud. We did what we could for him."

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- 1 qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy
- 1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
- 1 qt. Martell's *** Brandy
- 1 qt. Vio de Paso Sherry
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- 1 phial Pomeranzan Bitters

No. 3 HAMPER—\$50.

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- 1 qt. G. F. Peppermint
- 1 qt. Amontillado Sherry
- 1 qt. D.O.M.
- 1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
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HIYE MARU	Tuesday,	19th January.	
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.			
SUWA MARU	Saturday,	28th December.	
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday,	9th January.	
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.			
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday,	28th December.	
KANO MARU	Saturday,	23rd January.	
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.			
HANKOW MARU	Sunday,	20th December.	
TOKIWA MARU	Sunday,	27th December.	
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.			
HEIYO MARU	Tuesday,	22nd December.	
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.			
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa & Marseilles.			
DAKAR MARU	Saturday,	19th December.	
DURBAN MARU	Friday,	15th January.	
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.			
PENANG MARU	Tuesday,	28th December.	
HAKODATE MARU	Wednesday,	9th January.	
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.			
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Wednesday,	23rd December.	
DELAGO MARU	Thursday,	24th December.	
TERUKUNI MARU	Thursday,	24th December.	

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Ship	Destination	Day	Date
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Africa Maru	Tues.	5th Jan.
MONTEBELLUNA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	Brisbane Maru	Tues.	5th Jan.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila, Japan Ports (Frequent Services).	Himalaya Maru	Mon.	21st Dec.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Paris Maru	Fri.	8th Jan.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kinn Maru	Mon.	4th Jan.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Shinnoh Maru (not calling Karachi and Belawan Deli)	Mon.	21st Dec.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli, Penang & Rangoon.	Havre Maru	Tues.	29th Dec.
HAIPHONG via Hoikow.	Menado Maru	Thurs.	24th Dec.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru	Sun.	27th Dec.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.	Canton Maru	Sun.	20th Dec.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Canada Maru	Fri.	8th Jan.
	Deli Maru	Thurs.	31st Dec.

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SAILING DATES FOR DEC., 1931 (Subject to Change).
DEPARTURE HOURS: Hong Kong 5.30 p.m., Wuchow 3 p.m.

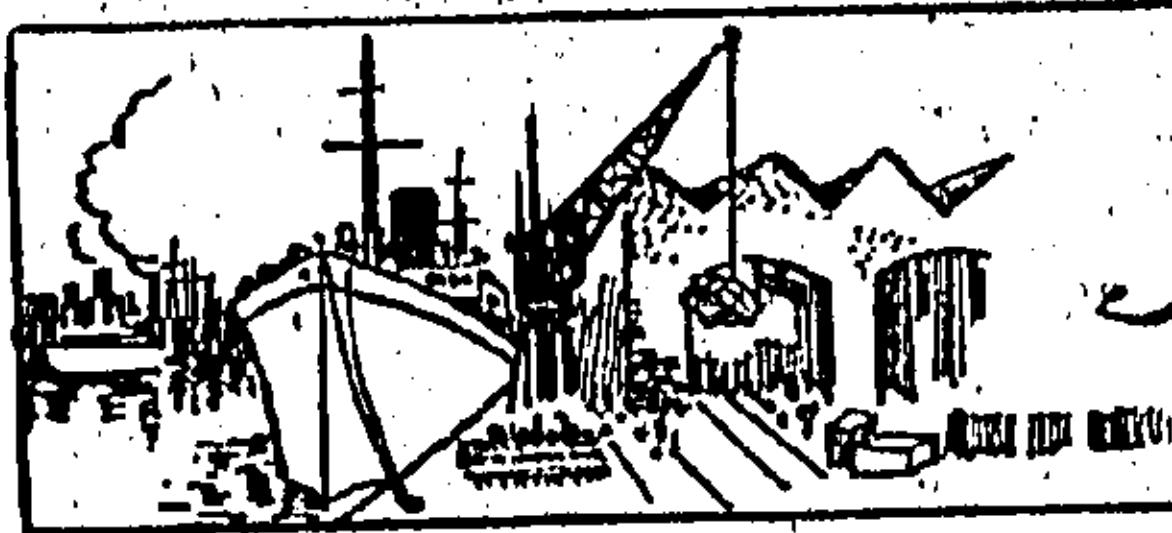
Steamer	Leaves Hong Kong	Arrives Wuchow	Leaves Wuchow	Arrives Hong Kong
TAI MING	SUN. 20th	TUES. 22nd	WED. 23rd	THURS. 24th
TAI HING	TUES. 22nd	THURS. 24th	FRI. 25th	SAT. 26th
TAI MING	FRI. 25th	SUN. 27th	MON. 28th	TUES. 29th
TAI HING	MON. 28th	WED. 30th	THURS. 31st	FRI. 1st
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Sir Harry Charles Malet has died at Charcot, Washford (Somerset), aged 88.
Sir Harry served in South Africa and in the Great War, in which he was awarded the D.S.O.

He is succeeded in the title by his only son, Mr. Edward William St. Lo Malet, who is 22.
The founder of the family in England, William Malet, was a companion of William the Conqueror at Hastings.



Shipping Intelligence.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, December 16.
Canton Maru, Japanese str., 1,647 tons, Capt. Y. Iwasaki, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.
Chinhua, British str., 1,353 tons, Capt. W. Forrester, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.
City of Athens, British str., 4,187 tons, Captain W. Gray, from Shanghai, buoy No. A11.—Bank Line.
Cremer, Dutch str., 2,785 tons, Capt. Harmsen, from Swatow, buoy No. A15.—J.C.J.L.
Fingal, Norwegian str., 1,243 tons, Capt. B. Bolt, from Bangkok, buoy No. B16.—Choo Yick & Co.
Foehsing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. Mifford, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.
Haining, British str., 832 tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.
Hinsang, British str., 1,885 tons, Capt. Hutchings, from Sandakan, buoy No. B22.—J. M. & Co.
Hongkong, British str., 3,975 tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Swatow, buoy No. A16.—Ho Thong & Co.
Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Captain P. W. Grieron, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On & Co.
Illinois, American str., 3,362 tons, Capt. A. Wie, from Tabaco, P.I., buoy No. A8.—States & Co.
Kingyuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. J. Taylor, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Kittawa, British str., 708 tons, Captain J. Creshwaite, from Canton, Tsau Wan Wharf.—Texas & Co.
Luchow, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. Paul, from Swatow, buoy No. B11.—B. & S.
Phasanelia, British str., 393 tons, Capt. H. C. Farrington, from Takao, Taikotsui Anchorage.—A.P.C.
Hai Lee, Chinese str., 1,044 tons, Capt. S. Kato, from Chefoo, buoy No. B9.—Loong Tai Hong.
Yingchow, British str., 1,216 tons, Capt. J. R. Nisbet, from Amoy, buoy No. C2.—B. & S.
Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons, Capt. I. D. de Lemos, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.
Thursday, December 17.
Anastasia, Dutch str., 1,605 tons, Capt. D. Tynlon, from Balikpapan, North Point Wharf.—A.P.C.
Chingshun, Chinese str., 1,372 tons, Capt. H. Y. Hughes, from Swatow, K.M.A. Wharf.—Waiting & Co.
Empress of Russia, British str., 16,810 tons, Capt. A. J. Hosken, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.S.
Hailing, Norwegian str., 1,445 tons, Capt. Olf. S. Olsen, from Swatow, buoy No. C1.—Thoresen & Co.
Helyo Maru, Japanese str., 5,871 tons, Capt. T. Goto, from Moji, buoy No. A6.—N.Y.K.
Muncestercastle, British str., 3,625 tons, Capt. Lee, from Amoy, Laichikok Anchorage.—Dodwell & Co.

CLEARANCES.

Wednesday, December 16.
Cheongshing, for Shanghai.
Chinhua, for Dairen.
City of Norwich, for Shanghai.
Cracovia, for Shanghai.
Dorry, for Macao.
Hongkong, for Singapore.
Hosang, for Singapore.
Kingyuan, for Canton.
Norviken, for Swatow.
Sunkong, for K. C. Wan.
Tjisaroea, for Muntok.
Tjisondari, for Amoy.
Ulysses, for Saigon.
Wilfred, for Whampoa.
Yingchow, for Canton.
Thursday, December 17.
Amalthus, for Tarakan.
Chingshun, for Hongkong.
Hailing, for Singapore.
Helikon, for Saigon.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Ikoman, for Table Island.
Illinois, for Los Angeles.
Sandviken, for Canton.
Stagen, for Canton.
Suiyang, for Swatow.
Suning, for Canton.
Tai Lee, for Whampoa.
Taiping, for Keelung.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

December 17 to 23, 1931.									
DATE	HIGH WATER			LOW WATER					
Dec.	Standard Time	Ht.	Standard Time	Ht.	Standard Time	Ht.	Standard Time	Ht.	Standard Time
Thurs 17	01 10	4.4	04 04	2.4	17 26	5.1	21 20	4.8	
Fri. 18	08 08	5.2	10 05	2.7	17 57	5.3	22 00	4.4	
Sat. 19	08 45	5.1	10 40	2.4	18 34	5.1			
Sun. 20	04 40	4.3	07 13	3.7	18 56	5.0	11 16	3.9	
Mon. 21	07 30	4.9	01 01	3.0	19 18	4.9	11 36	3.2	
Tues. 22	01 37	4.1	01 51	2.3	19 44	4.7	12 35	2.8	
Wed 23	08 50	4.9	02 40	1.7	20 10	4.5	13 10	2.0	

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Bruce—South wall.
Cornwall—No. 6 buoy.
Cumberland—No. 3 buoy.
Herald—East wall.
Kent—North arm.
Medway and Sub.—No. 2 buoy.
Olympus—East wall.
Orpheus—In dock.
Oswald—In dock.
Perseus—East wall.
Phoenix—In dock.
Seamew—No. 9 buoy.
Seraph—North wall.
Sirdar—North wall.
Sterling—North wall.
Suffolk—West wall.
Tamar—Basin.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Gil Eanes—Portuguese transport.
Holena—American gunboat.
Stewart—American destroyer.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS

Per R.M.S. Empress of Russia from Manila, December 17:—
Mr. C. G. Agnew, Mr. S. F. Chaffin, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. G. Hill, Mr. D. Lillo, Mr. V. Bellaffor, Miss A. R. Bliss, Mr. H. M. Gutierrez, Miss H. Holzchuer, Mr. E. C. Lopez, Mrs. E. de Roach, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rose.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex m.v. Hilda are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 20.
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Emp. of Russia	Dec. 18 1931	Dec. 21 1931	Dec. 22 1931	Dec. 24 1931	Dec. 26 1931	Jan. 2 1932	Jan. 4 1932
Emp. of Japan	Jan. 2 1932	Jan. 5 1932	Jan. 7 1932	Jan. 9 1932	Jan. 11 1932	Jan. 13 1932	Jan. 17 1932
Emp. of Asia	Feb. 5 1932	Feb. 8 1932	Feb. 9 1932	Feb. 11 1932	Feb. 13 1932	Feb. 15 1932	Feb. 17 1932
Emp. of Canada	Feb. 20 1932	Feb. 23 1932	Feb. 25 1932	Feb. 27 1932	Feb. 29 1932	Mar. 2 1932	Mar. 4 1932
Emp. of Russia	Mar. 4 1932	Mar. 7 1932	Mar. 8 1932	Mar. 10 1932	Mar. 12 1932	Mar. 14 1932	Mar. 17 1932
Emp. of Japan	Mar. 15 1932	Mar. 18 1932	Mar. 20 1932	Mar. 22 1932	Mar. 24 1932	Mar. 26 1932	Mar. 28 1932
Emp. of Asia	Mar. 25 1932	Mar. 28 1932	Mar. 29 1932	Mar. 31 1932	Apr. 2 1932	Apr. 4 1932	Apr. 6 1932
Emp. of Canada	Apr. 9 1932	Apr. 12 1932	Apr. 14 1932	Apr. 16 1932	Apr. 18 1932	Apr. 20 1932	Apr. 22 1932
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22 1932	Apr. 25 1932	Apr. 26 1932	Apr. 28 1932	Apr. 30 1932	May 2 1932	May 4 1932
Emp. of Japan	May 7 1932	May 10 1932	May 12 1932	May 14 1932	May 16 1932	May 18 1932	May 20 1932
Emp. of Asia	May 20 1932	May 23 1932	May 24 1932	May 26 1932	May 28 1932	May 30 1932	June 1 1932
Emp. of Canada	June 4 1932	June 7 1932	June 9 1932	June 11 1932	June 13 1932	June 15 1932	June 17 1932
Emp. of Russia	June 17 1932	June 20 1932	June 21 1932	June 23 1932	June 25 1932	June 27 1932	July 1 1932

HOLIDAY SUGGESTION.

Empress of Japan

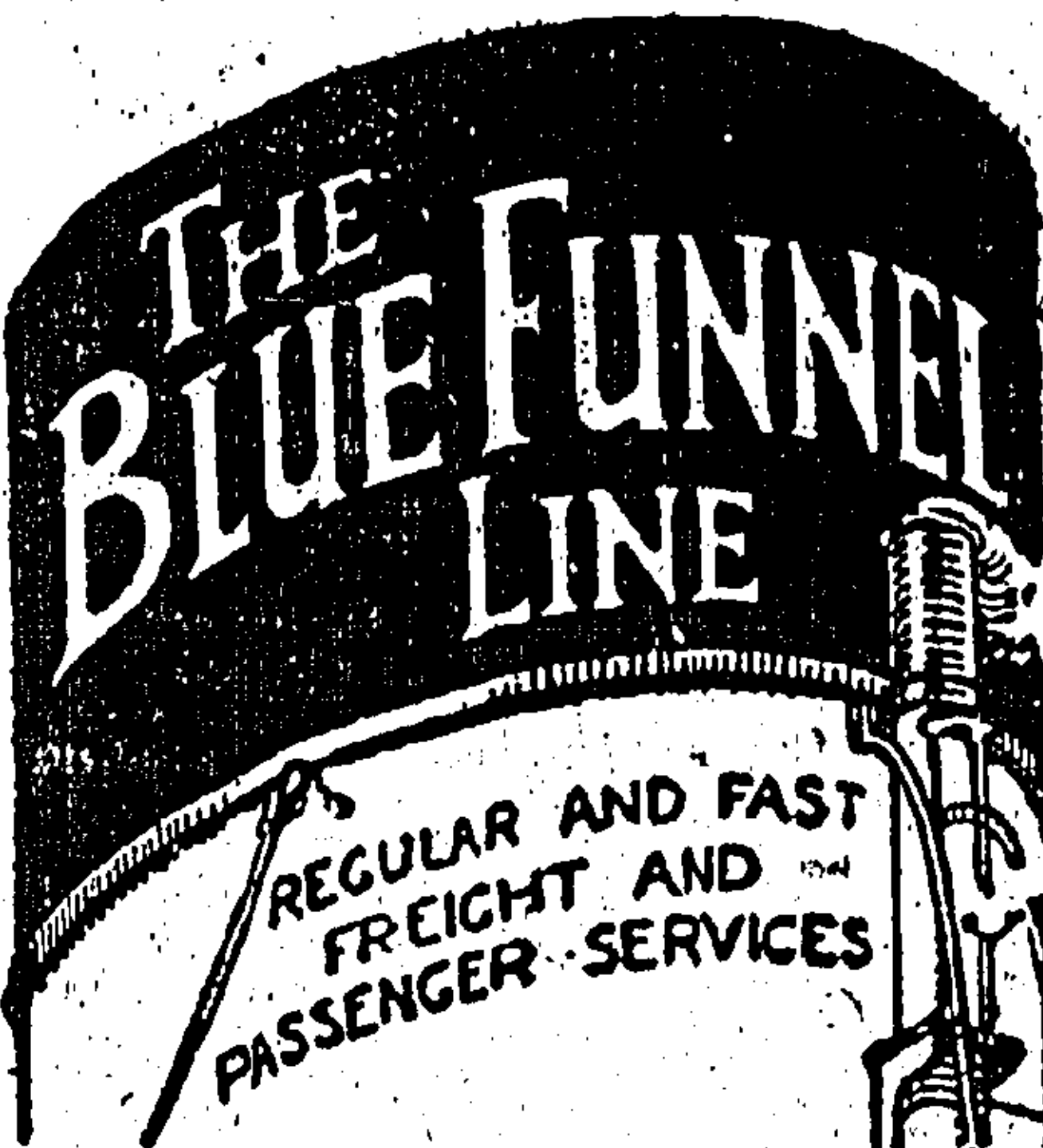
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1932.			
RAWALPINDI	17,000	2nd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*MIRZAPUR	5,700	4th Jan.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*KARMALA	9,000	16th Jan.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
CHITRAL	15,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,000	13th Feb.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
NALDERA	16,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	6,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RAPUTANA	17,000	26th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,500	2nd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
NALDERA	16,000	18th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KASHMIR	12,000	2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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SANTHIA	8,000	7th Jan.	1932
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

SANTHIA	8,000	19th Dec.	1931	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARMALA	9,000	20th Dec.	8 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
1932.				
CHITRAL	15,000	1st Jan.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	1st Jan.		Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NELLORE	7,000	4th Jan.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KATYAN	9,000	9th Jan.		Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	7,000	15th Jan.		Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHMIR	9,000	15th Jan.		Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOUDAN	6,800	20th Jan.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	29th Jan.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	7,000	5th Feb.		Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Feb.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BURDWAN	6,500	21st Feb.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAPUTANA	17,000	24th Feb.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CORFU	15,000	11th Mar.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	24th Mar.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	6,500	5th Apr.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	17,000	7th Apr.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
CHITRAL	15,000	21st Apr.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*BANGALORE	6,500	28th Apr.		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANCHI	17,000	5th May		Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NALDERA	16,000	10th May		Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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EXCHANGE.Heavier Costs in
Foreign Ports.

Shipping at the moment is unfor-
tunately being upset by the state of
the exchanges. This is because all
costs and expenses abroad have to
be met in cash payments.

Probably the freight market pre-
sents the greatest difficulty is the
River Plate.

Before Britain came off the gold
standard the exchange was at the
rate of 29d. to the Argentine dollar
or peso. The exchange since then
has touched 49d. and it is therefore
quite easily seen that shipowners
have been put to an extra cost of
over 25 per cent.

Coal Freights.

Although coal exporters are sell-
ing coal more briskly to the Argen-
tine, the weight of tonnage avail-
able has depressed the rate of
freight, which still continues at 9s.
from Wales to Buenos Aires.

The discharge of coal at 3s. a ton
has, of course, to be paid for at the
present rate of exchange and not
29d. to the Argentine dollar.

Russia, fortunately, has ceased
for the time being to ship heavily
and therefore there have been de-
cidedly more charters effected from
Australia and a few cargoes from
India. The Pacific Coast of Canada
has been rather more active but it
is interesting to note that so far
as the demand for grain tonnage is
concerned, the Gulf and North
American have been inactive.

There are ships in the river with
no less than 45,000, and possibly
50,000 tons of grain on board, wait-
ing to discharge, and there is at
least another 30,000 tons of grain
due during the week-end.

According to the Port of London
Authority the River Thames is full
of ships, and it has even become
necessary for vessels to wait at
Gravesend for a free berth in the
river.

MORE SOVIET SHIPS.

Activity in Russian Building
Yards.

Substantial additions to the So-
viet mercantile marine will be made
shortly, says Reuter from Moscow,
quoting the official Tass Agency.

The new vessels will include the
steamers Stalingrad and Sverdlovsk,
of 5,000 tons each, now being com-
pleted in the Baltic docks, which
will be employed in Far Eastern
waters. The Marti works in Len-
ingrad are delivering the Volga and
the Neva, each of 6,000 tons, which
will sail between Odessa and Mar-
seilles, and have started work on
two large timber ships of 9,000 tons
each.

The Northern shipbuilding docks
have completed the equipment of the
newly-built vessel Friedrich Engels,
of 8,500 tons capacity, and will
deliver four fishing trawlers and
one trawler to be employed for
clearing seaweed.

WIRELESS FOG
WARNINGS.New System to Make
the Thames Safer.

With the beginning of a new fog
season, seafarers using the Port of
London are expecting to get great
benefit from the new system of fog
warnings which has been put into
operation by the Port of London
Authority and Trinity House, work-
ing in conjunction with the Post
Office. The scheme was officially
started on November 1.

Gravesend Reach is the most
critical point, for it is round about
there that shipmasters, nosing their
way into the port through the fog
as long as they consider it safe, are
apt to meet downcoming ships doing
precisely the same thing.

When Trouble Starts.

As long as these two streams of
traffic are moving, it is fair-
ly safe, for ships on the
Thames kept traffic lines nearly
as definitely as buses in
Oxford Street, and pilots have an
uncanny knowledge of just where
they are in the river.

It is when they are forced to an-
chor the ship that the trouble starts.
To hold her position a ship must
let out at least three times as much
anchor cable as the depth of water—
more if there is a particularly
strong tide—and this length of
cable, combined with the length of
the steamer herself, means a con-
siderable radius in which she will
swing when the tide changes.

A ship which is light, or in ballast
only, will be influenced by the wind
before the tide takes hold of her,
while a deeply laden vessel will feel
the current at once. So when the
tide changes in a fog it is quite
usual to have collisions all down
Northfleet Hope, Gravesend Reach
and the Lower Hope down to Shell-
haven or even beyond in the Yantlet
Channel.

The new system should obviate
this danger, or at least reduce it
considerably. The harbour-master
at Gravesend will telephone to the
wireless station alongside the North
Foreland Lighthouse as soon as ob-
jects are obscured within a range of
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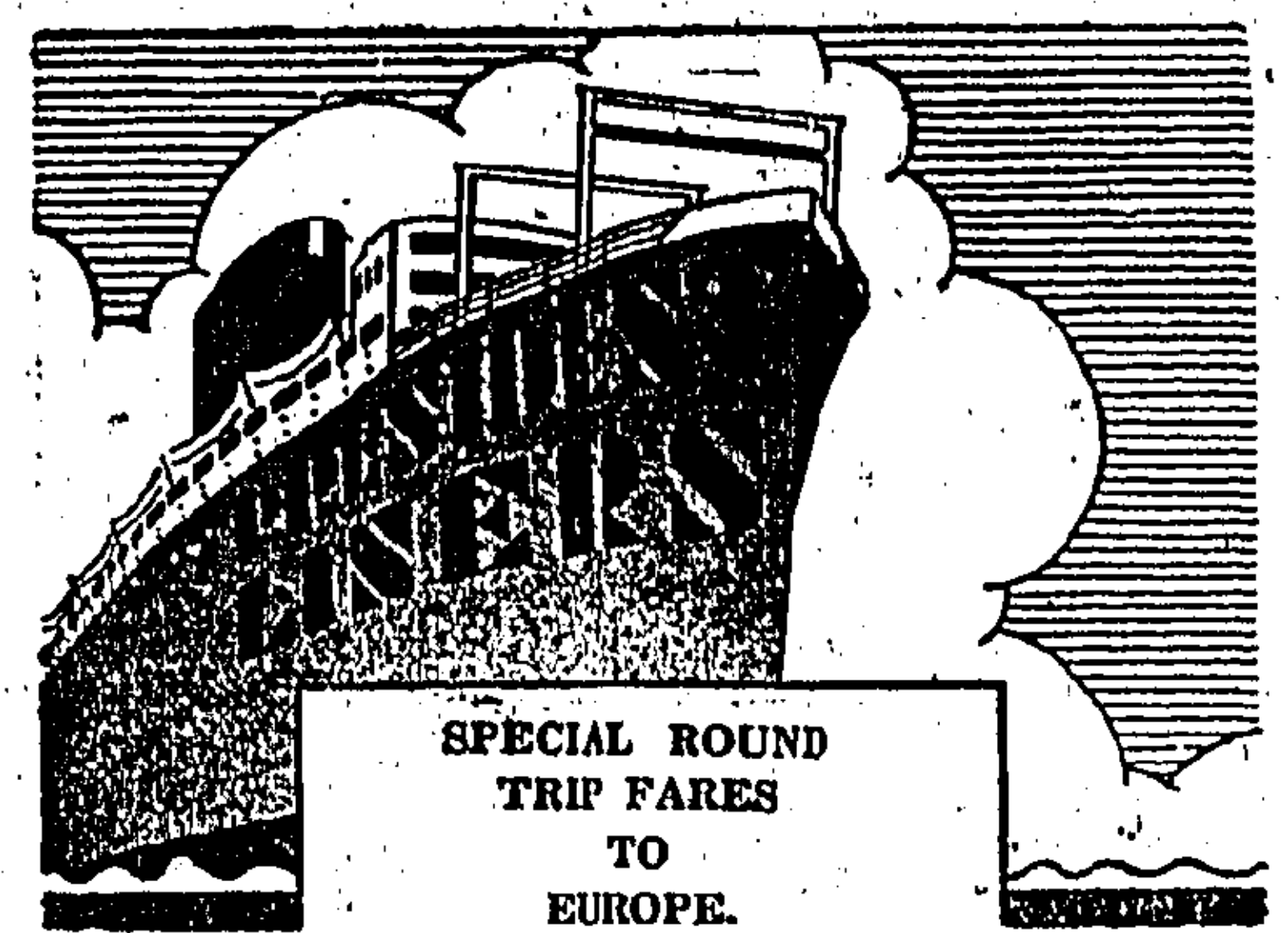
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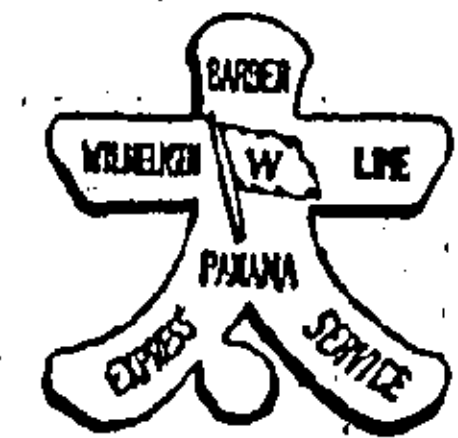
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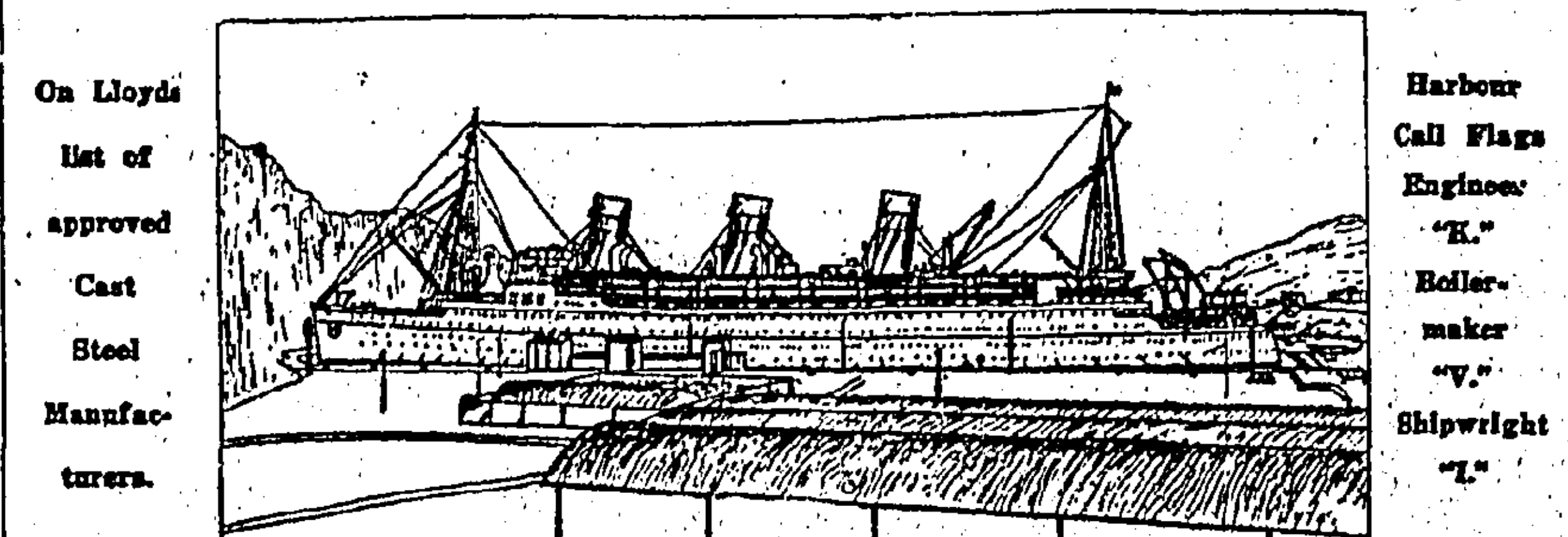
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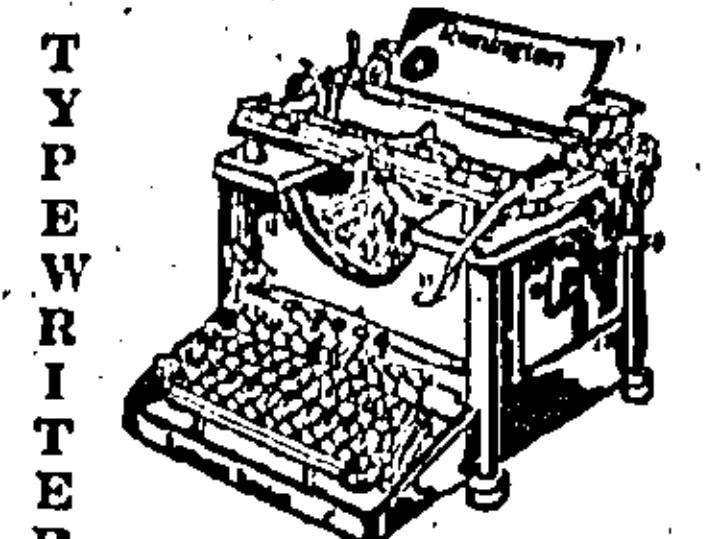
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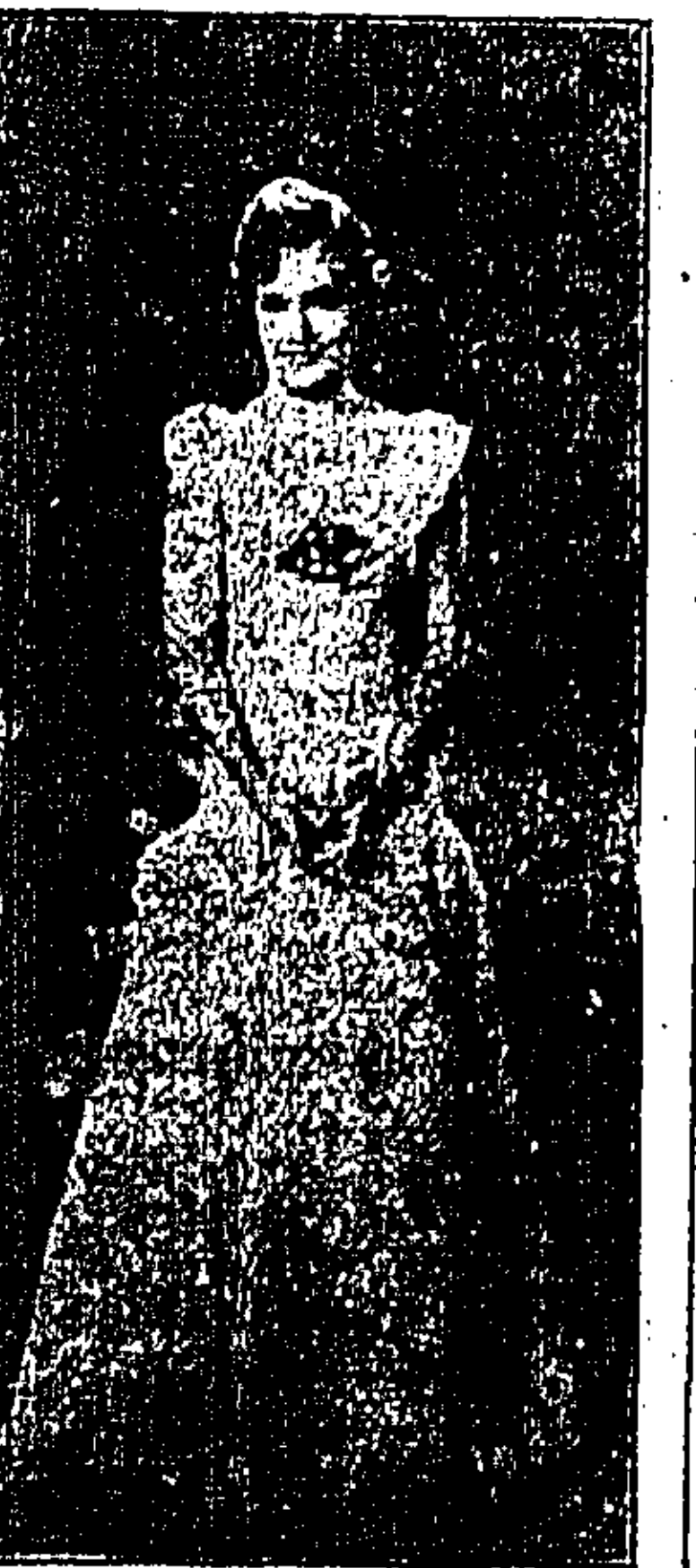
You will remember, that years ago, we liked Mary Pickford in a story of an orphan girl who was adopted by a millionaire, sent to an expensive College, given ideas far above her station and in the end does what is expected from the beginning—marries her guardian. How our tastes have changed. I am of the firm opinion that "Daddy Long-legs" will pack the King's love. Personally, I found it sweetly nauseous. You see the fault lies in the plain fact that "The Dream Girl of Seventh Heaven" utterly fails to please me in the Talkies. Her whining voice, her insipid manner, her sugary sweetness, (alone I stand in this opinion), the



Warner Baxter.

critics rave, and tell us that this play will make box-office history. I think the twelve-year olds will be vastly amused by the nasty little bunch of orphans who seemed to me to have a fairly good time, and I could not conjure up the right feeling for Judy's supposed suffering. I grew tired of the "Baby" voice while she powdered endless babies, and told a silly story of an imaginary Prince. Critics will tell you that "Her scenes will touch you deeply." Let us leave it at that. Warner Baxter, in a thankless role, mouches through the part. A very annoying youngster almost spoils his romance, the sister, Una Merkel, with the inane voice is said to add to the humour of the play. Hats off to Fox; they have given a fine entertainment to the world of children. (King's).

Adapted from the stage play "The Torch," "Laughing Sinners" will bring us Clark Gable in his first all-noble role. Joan Crawford does excellent work. Neil Hamilton is the end. Guy Kibbee, Marjorie Rambeau and Cliff Edwards are all splendid. In these columns I first acclaimed Clark Gable when I saw him in a small part in "Dance, Fools, Dance." When you have seen him in "Sporting Blood," "Sassan Lennox," and other plays, you will realize why he is scoring such a big hit. In "Sporting Blood" with Lew Cody, Ernest Torrence and the newly rediscovered Madge Evans, he does



Madge Evans.

well. This play is an exquisitely photographed biography of a race horse, (how animal lovers revel in this film). It is a fresh and moving story of a colt who, bred for the race track, falls into evil hands. In the end he is rescued from oblivion and wins the Kentucky Derby.

Madge Evans is a beauty without a doubt, and to prove also that she is an actress, she has made four pictures in three months. She was a child "star" in the far above her station and in the famous model. An education abroad, the stage, a return to pictures, with Richard Barthelmess and a "flop," then back to the stage, M-G-M. kept their eyes on her, and she was brought back to Hollywood for another chance. I can highly recommend this film. (Queen's).

Do not miss "The Ghost Train," Sainsborough's British picture, with two of the finest artists on the London stage, enacting the principal parts. The amusing part of Miss Bourne, the old maid, is played by Cecily Courtneidge, and the stupid detective Teddie Deakin, by her husband Jack Hulbert. It is a thriller. Do you remember the Robert Salisbury Co. playing it at the City Hall? Angela Daddley, Anne Todd, Donald Calthorpe and Allan Jeave make a fine cast. (Queen's).

Adapted from the stage play which Lenore Ulrich made famous, Lupe Velez, the fine little Mexican "spit-fire" actress comes in "Tiger Rose" with Monte Blue, Grant



Monte Blue.

Withers and H. B. Warner helping along the old story of the North-western Mounted Police.

The background is lovely for photography, and they all do their best. This picture is showing at the 5.10 and 9.20 shows only. (Queen's).

"Africa Speaks," a Columbia film is thrilling, sensational and something different. They claim that it was taken by Paul Hoeffler and Walter Putter in the Belgian Congo. Savagery and cruelty among the native tribes make no appeal to me, but it may to some! (Central).

Much the best opportunity Irene Rich has had for a long time, "On Your Back" is worth the ferry ride. H. B. Warner also does good work. The two juveniles, Raymond Hackett and Marion Shilling, are not too well cast. The story is full of interest, and is said to be the life of a world-famous dress-maker. (Star).

Fanny Brice did not do so well in her first talkie, as in "Be Yourself." If you did not see it at the Queen's, just go to the Star and hear her sing "My Man." There is Robert Warwick as the prize-fighter. At Christmas time we shall have also at the Star Ramon Novarro and Dorothy Jordan in "The Call of the Flesh."

A picture I can recommend for a Christmas attraction would be Charles Ruggles in "Charley's Aunt." Everyone likes him, and regretted he had so little to do in "The Smiling Lieutenant." Go and see him in the old favourite. You will find he makes it far funnier than Syd Chaplin did in the Movies. I know it is the most far-fetched plot, but the "Aunt from Brazil" can still raise many a laugh. June Collyer and Doris Lloyd add distinction to the cast. (Central).

A picture to be enjoyed to the utmost is "The Texan," which is taken from the story "The Llano Kid" by O. Henry, and has all the turns and twists for which this author was famous. Fay Wray is



Fay Wray.

certainly versatile and acts the part of the Spanish Senorita to perfection. Garry Cooper speaks Spanish most acceptably, and they both give super-performances. Some say that he is as good in this as in "The Virginian." Certainly. See it! (Central).

An outstanding picture is "Her Man," in which Helen Twelvetrees gives the best performance of her career as does Phillips Holmes. Likewise Marjorie Rambeau, Ricardo Cortez and others in this story of Frankie and Johnny. (Due shortly at the Central).

A thrilling story is "Twenty-four Hours" with Clive Brook, Regis Toomey, Miriam Hopkins and Kay Francis. (King's).

Promised at the end of the month is one of the outstanding pictures—Jack Holt, Ralph Graves and Fay Wray in "Dirigible." It is a melodrama made up of daring adventures in the air, the collapse of the dirigible in mid-ocean, the burning of an aeroplane in the icy wastes of the South Pole, and the horrors endured by the men in their attempts to return to the base of supplies. The story is strong and is excellently produced by Columbia. (Central).

A gem of a picture from Universal directed by the Briton, James Whale, (who did "Journey's End" for the stage and screen) is Mae Clark and Kent Douglass in "Waterloo Bridge." It is a story you will never forget. (Central).

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

The 1930 Photoplay Magazine Gold Medal has been awarded to the Universal Production "All Quiet on the Western Front," which they claim was in all ways a perfect film. A word of explanation why the 1930 award is not made till December 1931. People in every corner of the globe are asked to send in their opinions, and it takes about a year to see all the 1930 releases. Peoples of all races send in their choice. Photoplay Magazine bows to the author, the Laemmles, the actors and the Director—Lewis Milestone. Young Lew Ayres found fame in this film. The camera men also are given their full measure of praise; all are members of a remarkable picture.

The Annual Award of the Academy Picture Arts and Sciences has been given to Marie Dressier for her work in "Min and Bill."

(I do not agree)—and Lionel Barrymore in "A Free Soul." The finest picture is "Cimarron" (agreed). The best adaptation by Howard Estersbrook from a novel, is also given to the same story, and the Art Direction by Max Ree, yet this glorious picture flopped in Hong Kong. The best original story is "Dawn Patrol," by John Monk Saunders, the best Direction goes to Norman Taurog for his handling in "Skippy," the best photography to "Tabu," by Floyd Crosby, and the finest sound to Western Electric. It is a strange thing that the finest actress on the screen, and without doubt the biggest box-office appeal, Greta Garbo, has no mention made of her. Amongst the nominees I saw the names of Anne Harding for "Holiday," Marlene Dietrich, Norma Shearer, Richard Dix, Fredric March, Irene Dunne, and Jackie Cooper.

Fox intend producing all the old Mary Pickford successes, and starring Janet Gaynor in them. Corinne Griffith's one-time success, "Black Oxen," will be done by Joan Crawford. In this play Clara Bow had her first Hollywood chance. Monroe Owsley was tired of being cast for the cad, so he has left the films for a time. He is really ill in a sanitarium. Gary Cooper also is far from well. The British censors would not allow "An American Tragedy" on the lines that they object to pre-meditated murder. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Denney have a son. Much sorrow was caused when the confirmed bachelor, Richard Dix, married a San Francisco Society girl, Winifred Coe, aged twenty-three. Jack Gilbert is in Europe, so is Lupe Velez. Also Janet Gaynor, her husband, mother and girl who dresses her hair. Walter Huston is being divorced by his wife. James Kirkwood has married a "Follies Girl," his third. Wesley Ruggles, Director of "Cimarron," is married to Arlene Judge, whom he was directing in a picture. Marlene Dietrich signs a new contract. As she is not on the quota, she is only able to play twenty-six weeks in the year in America. Lloyd Hamilton has been very badly injured in an automobile accident. Al Jolson will return to the screen with Lily Damita in "Sons of Guns." You will be surprised how handsome Irving Pichel looks in his new part with Tallulah Bankhead in "The Cheat." What the art of make-up cannot do would not bear repeating. One of the biggest sensations of the past year has been made by a Briton—Leslie Howard, but he pre-



Joan Crawford.

Crawford. In this play Clara Bow had her first Hollywood chance. Monroe Owsley was tired of being cast for the cad, so he has left the films for a time.

He is really ill in a sanitarium. Gary Cooper also is far from well. The British censors would not allow "An American Tragedy" on the lines that they object to pre-meditated murder.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Denney have a son. Much sorrow was caused when the confirmed bachelor, Richard Dix, married a San Francisco Society girl, Winifred Coe, aged twenty-three.

Jack Gilbert is in Europe, so is Lupe Velez. Also Janet Gaynor, her husband, mother and girl who dresses her hair.

Walter Huston is being divorced by his wife. James Kirkwood has married a "Follies Girl," his third. Wesley Ruggles, Director of "Cimarron," is married to Arlene Judge, whom he was directing in a picture.

Marlene Dietrich signs a new contract. As she is not on the quota, she is only able to play twenty-six weeks in the year in America.

Lloyd Hamilton has been very badly injured in an automobile accident. Al Jolson will return to the screen with Lily Damita in "Sons of Guns."

You will be surprised how handsome Irving Pichel looks in his new part with Tallulah Bankhead in "The Cheat." What the art of make-up cannot do would not bear repeating.

One of the biggest sensations of the past year has been made by a Briton—Leslie Howard, but he pre-

TRAGEDY ON TRAGEDY.

Mourners, returning along the lake front at Windermere on November 7 from the funeral of Mrs. Waters of Bowness, who died from shock after her daughter's mysterious disappearance, saw the police recovering the body of her daughter from the lake by dragging. Miss Waters who was 46, was a prominent church worker.

WATER RETURN.

All the Reservoirs on Island Below Level.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on December 1, 1931, were as under:—

City and Hill District.	1930	1931
Tytam	10' 3" B	10' 11" B
Tytam Byewash	23' 3" B	23' 3" B
Tytam Intermediate	0' 1" B	0' 1" B
Tytam Tuk	7' 0" B	12' 3" B
Wong Nei Chung	14' 3" B	13' 6" B
Pokfulum	16' 0" B	13' 4" B
Aberdeen Upper	—	9' 6" B
Aberdeen Lower	—	13' 3" B
(Note: B denotes "Below Overflow"; A denotes "Above Overflow"; L denotes "Level with Overflow.")		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1930	1931
Tytam	261.12	293.31
Tytam Byewash	1.22	1.22
Tytam Intermediate	106.43	195.43
Tytam Tuk	1,256.00	1,185.75
Wong Nei Chung	14.44	15.17
Pokfulum	30.58	37.32
Aberdeen Upper	—	123.04
Aberdeen Lower	—	34.41
Total	1,752.79	1,945.55

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November, 1931.

	1930	1931
Consumption	296.54	353.20
Estimated population	448,040	381,506
Consumption per head per day	22.0	30.9
Includes 41.80 million gallons from Mainland.		
Includes 75.68 million gallons from Mainland.		

November, 1930.—Constant Supply throughout the City, Hill & High Level districts during the whole month with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where a constant street fountain supply was operated from November 3 to 30, 1930. November, 1931.—Constant Supply throughout the City, Hill & High Level Districts during the whole month.

Kowloon.	1930	1931
Kowloon Main	0' 1" B	1' 3" B
Kowloon Byewash	—	23' 3" B
Shau Kei Lai Pui	—	—
Shing Mun Reservoir	0' 7" B	1' 5" B
Shing Mun Reception	0' 7" B	7' 2" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	1930	1931
Kowloon Main	353.38	352.50
Kowloon Byewash	—	104.01
Shau Kei Lai Pui	—	—
Shing Mun Reservoir	113.70	110.35
Shing Mun Reception	31.61	15.75
Total	498.69	582.21

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November, 1931.

	1930	1931
Consumption	185.31	151.54
Estimated population	177,880	293,050
Consumption per head per day	25.3	17.2
Constant supply in all districts during November, 1930 and 1931.		

The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

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NEWS TABLOIDS AND OVERNIGHT CABLES SUMMARISED.

Mr. Lloyd George.

Is homeward bound from Ceylon
aboard s.s. Rajputana. He has
greatly benefited from his holiday
in the "spicy isle."

Wheat Quota.

A deputation from the Liverpool
Corn Trade Association was re-
ceived, yesterday, by Mr. Thomas
(Dominions Secretary) and Sir
John Gilmour (Agriculture Mini-
ster). Mr. Thomas said no de-
cision had yet been reached as to
the amount of the Empire quota.

Gandhi Makes A Denial.

Of an interview with the Giornale
D'Italia, reported from Rome, in
which he was recorded as having
said: "I return to India to con-
tinue the struggle against Eng-
land."

Unruly Students.

Some 3,000 students, yesterday,
in Nanking, stormed the headquar-
ters of the Central Party and did
considerable damage. They also
completely wrecked a newspaper
office. They are also reported to
have stabbed to death a member of
the staff of the Central Kuomint-
tang.

Garrison Headquarters from to-
day intend to take drastic steps to
curb student activities.

GENERALLY OVERCAST.

The Royal Observatory's re-
port issued this morning
states:—

A fresh anticyclone has
formed over S.E. Mongolia.
Forecast: N.E. winds, fresh;
generally overcast.

Rainfall for 24 hours en-
ded at 10 a.m. to-day — nil.
Total since January 1, 79.98
inches against an average of
82.52 inches — deficit 2.54
inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain
specified centres this morning

Hong Kong	62
Macao	59
Pratas Island	72
Foochow	66
Chefoo	26
Shanghai	43
Amoy	60
Manila	74

TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

At "traffic time" in the Central
Police Court this morning, the
Chinese driver of a motor cycle,
was advised to get his silencer re-
paired or buy a new motor cycle.
He was fined five dollars.

On three summonses accusing
him of horn annoyance, failing to
wear the brass badge in a con-
spicuous place, and failing to keep
to his left in Chater Road, another
driver was fined \$10 in all.

Summoned for dangerous driv-
ing and failing to stop when cal-
led upon by a Police Officer in
uniform, the Chinese driver of a
public vehicle was fined \$10.

Another Chinese horn-blowing
driver was fined \$5. Sgt. Guild
prosecuted.

Young Policeman's Death.

The death occurred this morning
of Harold Thomas Morse of the
Hong Kong Police Force. He was
only 26 years old and joined the
Force last year. His funeral takes
place to-morrow forenoon.

Canton Delegates.

Received a great welcome, yester-
day, on their arrival in Nanking.

Canton Students' Demand.

On Wednesday, 60,000 students
waited on General Heung Hon-ping
and demanded (1) immediate de-
parture of executive commissioners
to the north, (2) despatch of troops
to Manchuria, (3) supply of arms
to Students' Volunteer Corps, (4)
permission for students' patriotic
movements, and (5) punishment of
those responsible for ordering the
police to fire on students during the
recent demonstration.

Japanese Brigade for Manchuria.

The Cabinet has sanctioned the
dispatch of an additional mixed
brigade to Manchuria. It is ex-
pected the brigade sent from Korea
in September will be withdrawn.

Mr. Winston Churchill.

Was very much better, yesterday.
He sat up in bed and smoked a
cigar—M.T.F.

Mr. Churchill's convalescence is
not being assisted by American pub-
licity methods. Without consult-
ing the patient it was announced he
would make a broadcast speech
from his bed, and all arrangements
were made without his permission.
Mr. Churchill was indignant when
he heard of it and flatly refused
to fill the bill.

Fortune Sacrificed For Love.

Miss M. Clementson, daughter of
a Kent rector was left a fortune
last year on condition she remained
single. She has now become en-
gaged and so forfeits the fortune.

Sensational Air Trip.

A tiger, which was being con-
veyed by air from Ostend to Croydon,
caused anxious moments in the air.
It became terrified, and there is no
knowing what may have happened
had the trainer not entered the
cage and kept the tiger company
till the end of the journey.

Shroff's Folly.

A Harbour Office shroff was cau-
tioned, to-day, when he appeared in
the Central Police Court to answer
to a charge of embezzlement of
\$159. The money had been paid to
him in the morning, but he had
neither entered the amount in the
books, nor paid the money into the
cash by that same afternoon. The
money was recovered.

A Tragic Death.

Mr. Ng Yim-cheung, of Reuter's
Ld., yesterday, fell from a passage
way of the office building into the
street. He died soon after admis-
sion into hospital.

Ships' Collision Case.

The defence in the Kiangsu-
Tokooka Maru collision action for
damages, which is now occupying
the attention of the Chief Justice in
the Admiralty Court, was opened by
Mr. H. G. Sheldon this morning.
Counsel alleged that the Tokooka
Maru, with her engines stopped,
was not making any way, and had
arrived at her anchorage ground,
whither she had made for safety in
the fog. She was steamed into by
the Kiangsu, the speed of which, at
the time of the collision, was be-
tween 7 to 8 knots.

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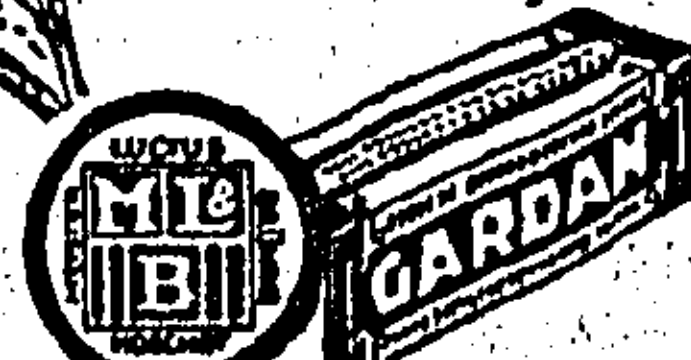
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